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1961-62

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RAYMOND S. KIMBELL
GENERAL MANAGER



September 4, 1962

The Honorable George Christopher
Mayor of San Francisco
City Hall
San Francisco, California

Dear Mayor Christopher:

In conformity with Section 25 of the Charter it is a pleasure to transmit to you the Annual Report of the Recreation and Park Department covering the fiscal year 1961-1962.

It is hoped that you will find the various Division reports interesting and helpful.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Raymond S. Kimbell
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General Manager

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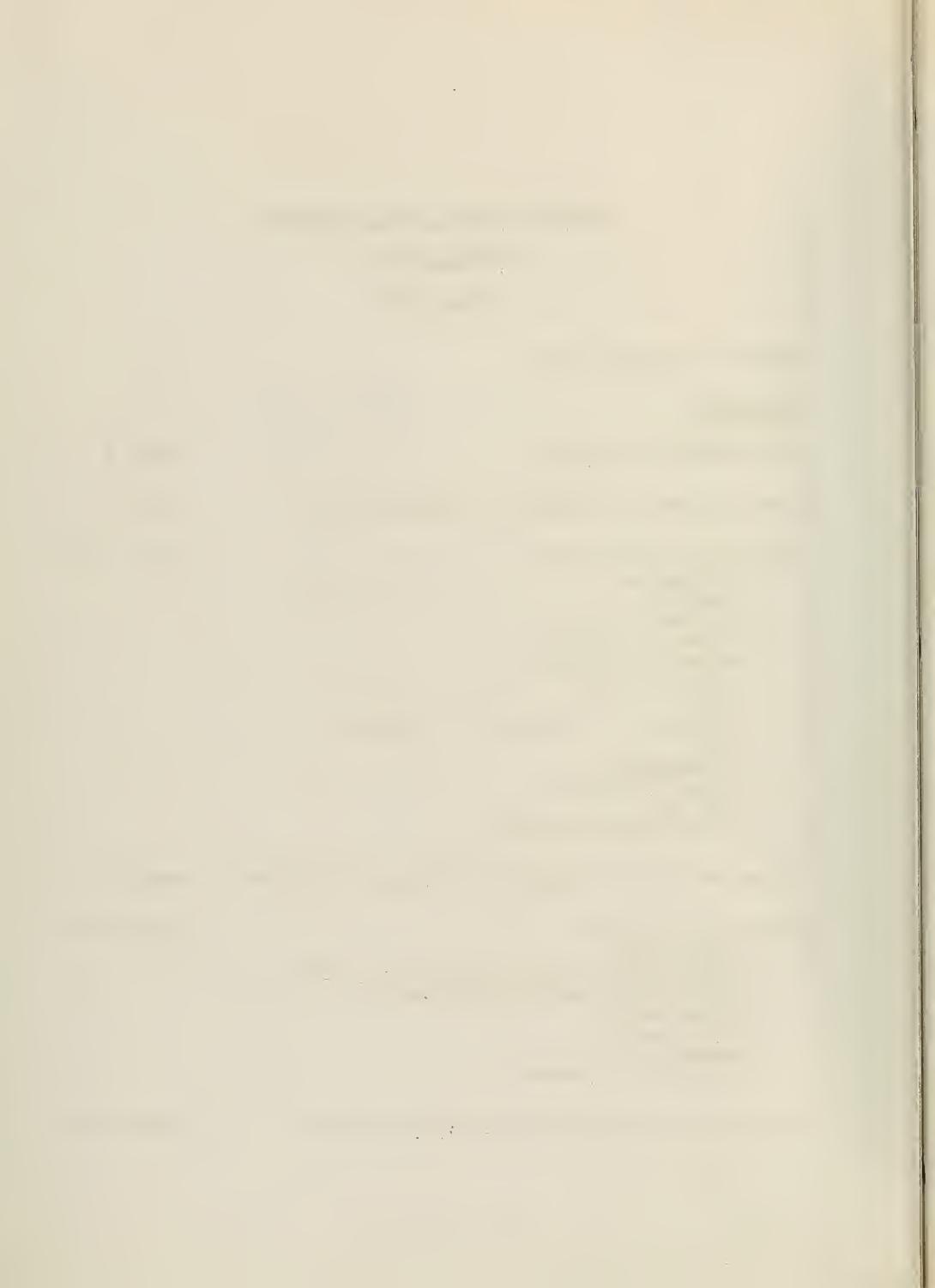
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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

	<u>Appointment Date</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Haas, Walter A., President	June 27, 1962	June 27, 1966
Bercut, Peter	June 27, 1962	June 27, 1966
Casey, Mary Margaret	June 27, 1960	June 27, 1964
Coffman, William M., Vice President	June 27, 1962	June 27, 1966
Conway, John F., Jr.	June 27, 1961	June 27, 1965
Herz, Dr. Francis	June 27, 1961	June 26, 1965
Moore, Mrs. Joseph A., Jr.	June 27, 1960	June 27, 1964
Mary B. Connolly, Secretary		

RECREATION AND PARK STAFF

	<u>Appointed</u>
Raymond S. Kimbell, General Manager R-1 (Non Civil Service)	Feb. 14, 1958
James P. Lang, Superintendent of Recreation R-4 (Non Civil Service)	Feb. 14, 1958
Bartle S. Rolph, Superintendent of Parks W-2 (Non Civil Service)	April 16, 1958
Carey M. Baldwin, Zoo Director W-212 (Non Civil Service)	Aug. 11, 1941
Percy H. Brydon, Director Strybing Arboretum O-74 (Non Civil Service)	June 6, 1960
John S. McDonald, Business Manager B-32 (Civil Service)	June 16, 1960

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1961-62 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

<u>CONTRACT PRICE OR ESTIMATED COST</u>					
<u>No. of Projects</u>	<u>Budget Funds</u> \$	<u>Bond Funds</u>			<u>Total</u> \$
		<u>1947</u> \$	<u>1955</u> \$	<u>Total</u> \$	
Plans and Specifications in progress during fiscal year	5	55,600	-0-	365,000	420,600
Plans, Specifications and construction started and completed during fiscal year	3	12,598	-0-	75,029	87,627
Plans, Specifications completed and construction started	3	180,000	-0-	23,652	203,652
Plans and Specifications completed, but construction not yet started. (These amounts are estimates)	3	84,869	-0-	52,000	136,869
TOTAL	14	\$333,067	-0-	\$515,681	\$848,748

A T T E N D A N C E

Playgrounds

<u>Name of Unit</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Name of Unit</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Alta Plaza Square	23,926	Lee, Joseph	73,934
Aptos	43,557	Levi Strauss	13,209
Argonne	28,881	McCoppin Square	38,128
Balboa	118,681	Merced Heights	44,822
Bay View	22,615	Michelangelo	12,983
Bernal	31,087	Midtown	29,304
Big Rec	198,445	Miraloma	46,282
Cabrillo	47,443	Mission Dolores Park	44,402
Cayuga	28,689	Mission Playground	90,307
Chalmers, Alice	60,651	Mountain Lake	59,153
Chinese Center	135,046	Murphy, J. P.	38,533
Chinese Playground	117,513	Noe Courts	21,057
Cow Hollow	29,925	North Beach	254,211
Crocker Amazon	153,809	Ocean View	115,696
Douglass	38,626	Parkside Square	34,532
Duboce	26,608	Peixotto, Sidney	13,587
Eureka Valley	134,237	Portola	107,552
Excelsior	84,013	Potrero Hill	78,354
Folsom	45,102	Presidio Heights	20,453
Fulton	39,482	Richmond	56,374
Funston	295,563	Rochambeau	59,971
Gilman	28,076	Rolph	150,930
Glen Park	85,138	Rossi	71,816
G.G. Park Tennis Courts	96,047	St. Mary's	88,932
Grattan	45,431	Silver Terrace	78,991
Hamilton	140,925	South Sunset	70,230
Hayes Valley	57,300	Stern Grove	79,325
Hayward, Boys	39,952	Stern Grove Annex	9,601
Hayward, Girls	80,821	Sunset	122,371
Jackson	78,607	Upper Noe	107,806
Junipero Serra	41,985	Visitacion Valley	125,826
Kahn, Julius	86,096	Wawona Greens	9,766
Lafayette	28,441	West Portal	21,313
Larsen Square	24,775	West Sunset	122,361
Laurel Hill	41,274	Wills, Helen	62,602
			<u>4,953,481</u>

Housing Centers

<u>Name of Unit</u>	<u>Total Attendance</u>
Hunters Point Gymnasium	81,153
Hunters Point Recreation Center -	
Milton Meyer Building	67,577
Sunnydale	28,771
Valencia Gardens	19,726
Westside Courts	12,497
Yerba Buena Senior Center	18,437
TOTAL	228,161

Aquatic Division

Aquatic Park	1,986,740
Balboa Pool	225,816
Fleishhacker Pool	274,936
Garfield Pool	192,772
Hamilton Pool	137,850
Lake Merced	122,658
Larsen Pool	186,944
McLaren Pool	155,221
Mission Pool	61,250
North Beach Pool	119,989
Phelan Beach	511,872
Rossi Pool	152,607
TOTAL	<u>4,128,655</u>

Miscellaneous Facilities and Activities

Carnival	7,397
Photography Center	67,231
Pine Lake Camp	2,949
Randall, J. D. Junior Museum	86,191
Rifle Range, Sharp Park	10,747
Senior Citizens' Hobby Show	6,317
Silver Tree Day Camp	14,566
Midsummer Music Festival, Stern Grove	85,170
Storyland	208,331
Camp Mather	24,566
TOTAL	<u>513,465</u>

Recapitulation

Playgrounds	4,953,481
Housing Centers	228,161
Aquatics	4,128,655
Miscellaneous Facilities and Activities	<u>513,465</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>9,823,762</u>

DIVISION OF RECREATION

Fulfilling the diversified recreational needs of both youth and adults is ever challenging.

The staff at each playground and recreation center, under the direct supervision of four Supervising Directors assigned to area supervision and in consultation with the Supervisors of Activities, offered to the neighborhood community as complete a program of activities as personnel and facilities permitted.

During the past year the Helen Wills Playground, after receiving a complete revamping including a modern clubhouse, was reopened. The Midtown Terrace Playground, the first to be built on a reservoir site, the result of the cooperative efforts of the Water Department of the Public Utilities Commission, was dedicated this year. The unique Yerba Buena Senior Center was another facility acquired this year through the cooperation of the San Francisco Housing Authority.

To augment the daily schedule and to provide parent-child participation in playground activities, special events such as award banquets with mothers, fathers and children participating, play nights, which provided fathers and sons an opportunity to enjoy recreational activities with each other, variety shows, game and family nights were held at many playgrounds and recreation centers. Physical Fitness Programs in keeping with the President's message provided a program of well regulated athletic tests and competition to help young people improve their physical condition.

At the close of the fiscal year it is gratifying to note the high level of participation in all activities.

Aquatics

During the fiscal year the grand total attendance for twelve aquatic units was 4,128,655, which was an increase of 499,343 over the previous year. The total revenue from ten units was \$78,100.

The Lighthouse for the Blind, King's Men Activity Group, Swimorama, Marathon Race for Physical Fitness Program, Hawaiian Sea Scouts and Olivet Presbyterian Church were new groups serviced this year.

While few new programs have been added, those of the past year have increased considerably in attendance. Due to the lack of part time funds the classes and extra curricular programs were kept to a minimum and other facets of the program such as noon-time and between 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. activities have been curtailed.

Some of the highlights of this year's program were the handicapped classes, Red Cross Swim Campaign, the Physical Fitness Program, classes for adults, pre-school classes, Saturday instructional periods, and the intra-mural meets with eight departmental teams competing monthly for high point and trophy.

Again the Merionettes brought honor to their city by winning this year three championships in synchronized swimming. They are San Francisco's only National championship team.

Arts and Crafts

This year an Arts and Crafts Division of the recreation program was organized.

In cooperation with the Recreation Division of San Francisco State College three In-Service Training Classes were conducted for the recreation directors.

Anticipating the organization of new adult and senior citizen ceramic classes at the recreation centers which will be equipped with ceramic kilns, an intensive In-Service Training Course was given on this subject to a selected group of directors.

An extensive and varied craft program was conducted on both playgrounds and recreation centers. For example, in the spring 107 craft classes were conducted weekly at various units. This number was in addition to the simple crafts such as paper work done in Tiny Tot groups and special craft projects done seasonally by club groups.

Two children's painting classes were the highlight of the year for the Arts and Crafts Division--one conducted by an art major at San Francisco State College, the other by a local artist who is a member of the Artists Cooperative.

Athletics

The athletic program on the individual playgrounds as well as those conducted on a city-wide basis attracted many new participants this year.

The Boys' and Men's Division offered an athletic calendar of many types of sports to boys on the playground and to some from group work agencies. Basketball, touch football, baseball and track were the most popular. Among the other types of athletic activities conducted for boys were a basketball pentathlon, table tennis, softball, volleyball, seven man soccer, kickball and a football feature contest.

There were 95 teams divided into 16 sections in the Midget Baseball League, with the Junior Division having 62 teams, the Intermediate Division 43 teams, and the Senior Division 16 teams.

In addition, this division supervised open softball and basketball leagues for adults as well as scheduling and coordinating softball and basketball leagues for groups such as the C.Y.O., B'nai B'rith, Acacia League, City Employees, A.Z.A., Lutheran, Advertising League, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, DeMolay, Latter Day Saints, Nisei, Native Sons of the Golden West, San Francisco Fire Department, Shopping News, Standard Oil and the Council of Churches.

The Sharp Park Rifle Range which was open on weekends hosted the Northern California Junior Rifle League, the State Championship and the National Junior Sectional.

The department's soccer fields serviced the Junior and Senior High School teams, the C.Y.O., the San Francisco Soccer Football Association, and the Gaelic Football League.

The Girls' Athletic Program conducted leagues and tournaments in Boys' Tennis, Girls' Softball and Girls' Volleyball. There were 222 boys and girls from 31 playgrounds in the Tennis Tournament. In the 45 team Softball tournament 650 girls participated in this activity. The Volleyball Tournament consisted of 38 teams, with 304 girls participating.

Many of the activities were set up as playdays in compliance with the National schedules of the Division of Girls' and Women's Sports. These activities included mixed volleyball, dodgeball, relays, basketball, pentathlon, basketball, kickball, netball and track and field.

Dodgeball, a relatively new activity on the city-wide schedule as an organized playday, drew an ever increasing interest on the part of playground teams and added to the number of activities enjoyed by the younger girls.

Jacks, check and chess tournaments were conducted by this division during the summer months.

Clinics for the purpose of discussing and demonstrating officiating techniques were conducted for the Recreation Directors prior to the conducting of many athletic activities.

Tennis was the highlight of junior and adult activities throughout the city's playgrounds and parks, with participation increasing 15% over the past year. This increase was due in part to the large number of Junior Clinics sponsored on 28 playgrounds, and the adult lessons given at the Golden Gate Park Courts during the daylight saving hours.

There was an increased number of tournaments and one day club matches scheduled for high schools, colleges, industrial firms and special interest groups at both the tennis courts in Golden Gate Park as well as various other tennis courts.

The Industrial Division, comprised of 65 firms, participated in the following activities sponsored and directed by the Athletic Division: Bowling, basketball, tennis, volleyball, a snow trip, a summer excursion to the Mother Lode country, as well as badminton, swimming and horseback riding. At the conclusion of many of these activities awards banquets were held with an average of three-fourths of the individuals attending having participated in the activity.

Drama and Dance

Drama and Dance activities conducted on various units throughout the city were storytelling, story play, Story League classes, puppetry, play production (adult, teen-age and children), drama activities, stage craft, singing games, small folk rhythemics, folk dancing (boys and girls), folk, square and rounds (adults), Social Dance Workshops (adults and teen-age), special dance groups, and Doll Shows.

Storyland, a unique feature of the Drama and Dance Division, was open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., March through December, and operated seven days a week during school vacations, otherwise Wednesdays through Sundays. There were 245,971 paid admissions during the fiscal year 1961-62.

Many programs were conducted at Storyland during the year. Some of those which were of special interest to visitors were: Millionth visitor, Storyland's queen of the year, birthday celebration, Winnie-the-Pooh dedication (a new exhibit), Santa and reindeer from Santa's Village, holiday programs, puppet fairs and shows.

In response to increasing demands for teen-age activities a city-wide Drama Workshop was conducted at the Recreational Arts Building, social dance workshops and special dance activities on various units throughout the city.

Programs and special events conducted on recreation units included the Carnival at Sigmund Stern Grove, Doll Festivals on playgrounds and at the Sharon Building, Dance Programs, May Day Festival, Columbus Day Pageant and Adult and Regional Folk Dance Festivals, Joseph Lee Day and the Story Play Festival Contest, as well as special holiday programs throughout the year.

As a community service, the Drama and Dance Division also presented many programs and Special Events, such as the two day statewide Folk Dance Festival at the Civic Auditorium, the Union Square Christmas Parade, Adult Folk Dance Programs and Story League Programs, as well as radio and television broadcasts.

All drama and dance activities are costumed by the department which at present has an inventory of 18,499 costumes and 1,369 properties.

Golf

The total volume of play on Harding, Lincoln, Sharp Park and Golden Gate Golf Courses increased over the previous year and reached a new all-time high. The following tournaments were held: San Francisco Championship (Harding, Lincoln and Sharp Park); San Francisco Junior Championship (Lincoln); Northern California Father and Son Championship (Golden Gate); San Francisco High School Matches (Lincoln); Ten Inter-Collegiate Matches (Harding and Sharp Park); Six Men's Club Tournaments (Harding, Lincoln and Sharp Park); Six Women's Club Tournaments (Harding, Lincoln, and Sharp Park); Six U.S. Service Men's Tournaments (Lincoln and Sharp Park); Two Industrial Division--Recreation and Park Department (Lincoln and Sharp Park); Lucky, International Open 1st (Harding); Examiner Hole-in-One (Lincoln).

The McLaren Nine Hole Golf Course and the Fleming Nine Hole Golf Course at Harding were set in operation this year.

Junior Museum

The programs of science, animal history, arts and crafts and woodshop, including school and day demonstrations, offered at the Josephine D. Randall Junior Museum gave over 80,000 children opportunities to participate in scientific and cultural hobbies, presented in the form of study groups, new exhibits, collections, daily educational motion pictures, field trips and animal demonstrations. Guided tours were conducted for school classes and other visiting organized groups.

The addition of an excellent audio-visual exhibit of the history and customs of the Northern and Central California Indians, developed through the cooperation of the Museum's Advisory Board and Auxiliary and the acquisition of a valuable collection of dinosaur bones, gift of the Carnegie Institute, also obtained through the good efforts of the Advisory Board and Auxiliary, added a great deal to the program.

Music

Musical activities were conducted on playgrounds and in recreation centers and in the Music Center in the form of pre-school singing and rhythm bands, grade school singing and toy symphony, teen-age singing, ukulele classes, adult choruses, Senior Citizens' community singing, Recreation Symphony Orchestra, Light Orchestra, String Orchestra, Adult Dance Band and the Golden Gate Band.

The Music Division participated in the Sigmund Stern Grove Festival, Joseph Lee Day Program, and conducted the City Hall Christmas Carol Festival, Recreation Symphony Concert, several Recreational Musicals and many holiday programs.

Unusual imagination and excellent community planning by the Music Division is evident in the new programs offered this year, including Recorder Classes, Adults' and Children's Classes, Chinese Music Groups and a series of mid-day Sandwich Concerts held for children during the summer.

Photography Center

On March 1, 1962 the increased rates for membership and locker rental fees became effective. The new rates being set at \$6 for six months and \$10 for twelve months for adults, and one-half that rate for senior high school and college students under nineteen years of age.

From March 1st to June 30th, 608 members signed up; 512 were adults and 86 were juniors; 115 were new members and 457 were renewals; 349 were semi-annual or \$6 memberships and 173 were annual or \$10 memberships that were purchased by adults; 71 were semi-annual or \$3 memberships and 15 were annual or \$5 memberships that were purchased by juniors. In other words, 1/3 of the adults and 1/6 of the juniors purchased annual memberships. The total amount of money taken in for memberships from March 1st to June 30, 1962 was \$4,016. The total from July 1, 1961 to March 1, 1962 was \$3,198. The total membership fees collected for 1961-62 were \$7,214. The total locker fees for 1961-62 were \$990.50. The total of all fees collected for 1961-62 were \$8,204.50. The total fees for 1960-61 were \$6,617.

San Francisco's Photography Center has received a great amount of publicity and inquiries on its operation from many cities throughout the United States.

Senior Citizen Programs

Recognizing the ever increasing need for servicing Senior Citizens, the department has now organized 17 Senior Citizen groups, meeting on various units of the department. Twelve were operated during the entire fiscal year while the others were organized in October, November and March.

With the completion of the new Yerba Buena Senior Citizen building which was dedicated on September 7, 1961, the department has been able to offer a more adequate activity program to the older person.

The Ninth Annual Senior Citizens' Hobby Show, conducted by the Recreation and Park Department in cooperation with the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, the San Francisco Public Library, the San Francisco Labor Council, the Adult Education Division of the San Francisco Unified School District and the Downtown Emporium, had an attendance of 6,317 spectators. There were 1,268 items displayed by two hundred and thirty-seven exhibitors.

Tiny Tot Programs

The Tiny Tot Program, as performed by the department, is a form of play experience. The principal aims are to form good habits through recreational activities. This year 84 Tiny Tot groups met at 41 playgrounds in the forenoon during the regular school year. The children are serviced only once a week. The total number of children served this year was 65,586.

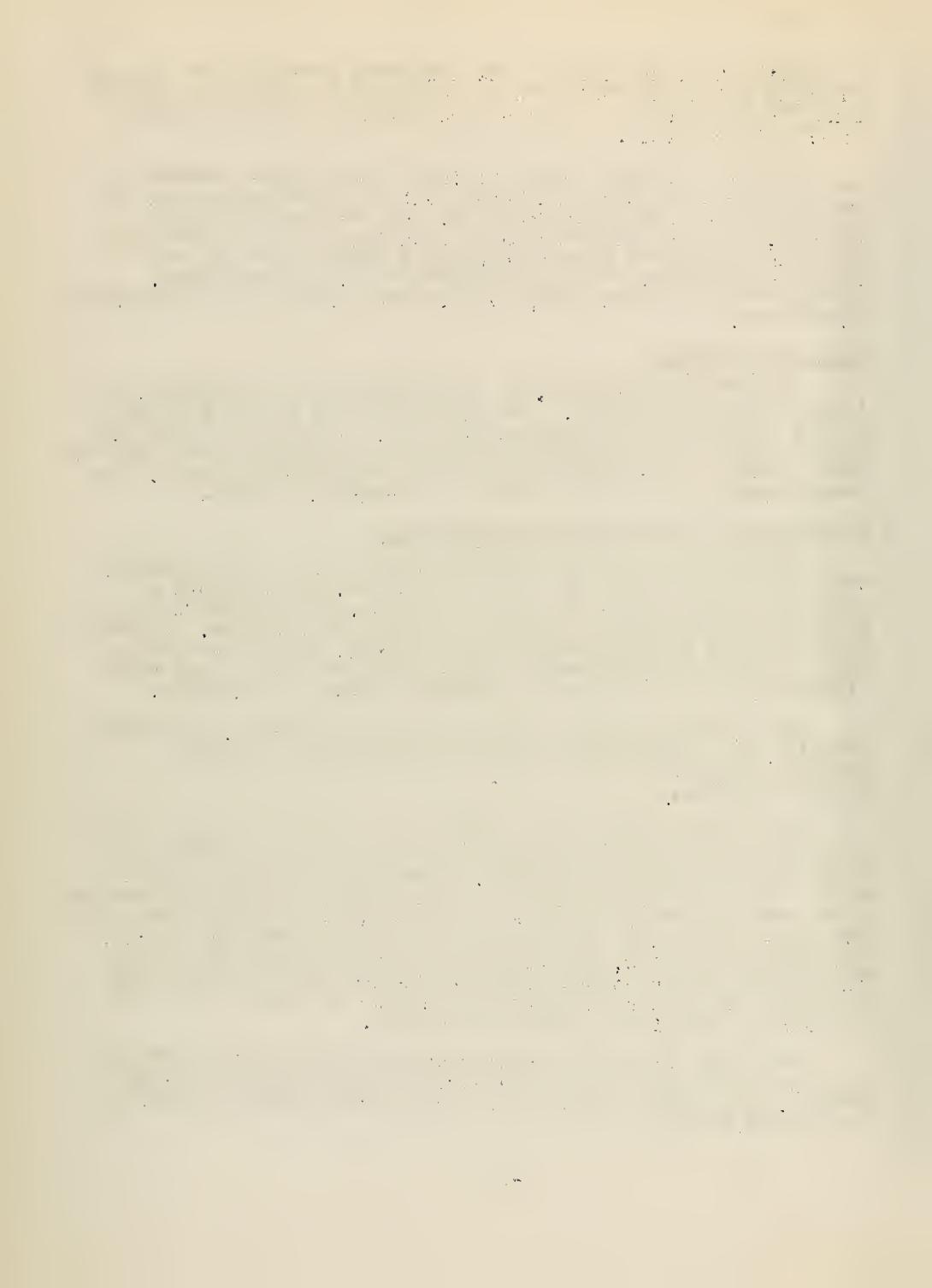
Miscellaneous Facilities and Activities

Silver Tree and Pine Lake Day Camps were operated Monday through Friday during the summer vacation, and provided a wholesome opportunity for outdoor living, with a carefully planned and supervised program of camping activities. Children seven through eleven years of age attended Silver Tree Camp, while boys and girls eleven through thirteen year of age were offered a more concentrated camping program at Pine Lake.

Five special groups, Aid to Retarded Children, Child Care Centers, the Lighthouse for the Blind, and Neglected and Orphaned Children, were oriented and integrated into the regular program.

Many of our facilities, located in different areas of the city, were used by various youth-serving agencies conducting their own day camping programs. Some special groups served were: The Recreation Center for the Handicapped, which conducted a day camp at the Fleishhacker Camping Area; the Lighthouse for the Blind, which used Horsemen's Retreat every Saturday during the summer vacation, and the Aid to Retarded Children, which had camping sites at both Speedway Meadows and Del Nueva Dell in Golden Gate Park while the League for the Handicapped used the Sharon Building in Golden Gate Park.

The three overnight camping areas in Golden Gate Park and the one in the Pine Lake area served both in and out-of-town groups. The latter groups came from various states throughout the United States.



Requests for reservations to use many of the department's facilities were very heavy this year. Sigmund Stern Grove and the Wawona Clubhouse were both very popular for socials and meetings of non-profit organizations. Sigmund Stern Grove also was the setting for the very popular and widely acclaimed annual Summer Music Concerts which were offered free to the public.

Anglers Lodge was used for meetings by the Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club, the Sheriff Air Squadron Patrol, and the San Francisco Mounted Patrol. The flycasting pools at this location were heavily used.

The Model Yacht Clubhouse which is the center for motorized and sail boat construction and operation was used intensively, especially on weekends. Spreckels Lake, immediately adjacent to the clubhouse, afforded the necessary water facilities for the ever popular model marine operations.

Bercut Equitation Field, in Golden Gate Park, was used by various equestrian groups for their annual horse shows. The nearby log circles and barbecue facilities were available to picnic and day camping groups and were in constant use.

Model airplane flying enthusiasts were serviced at an improved area in the Crocker Amazon Playground.

The department operated two dog training areas, one located in Golden Gate Park where free obedience classes were held each Saturday by dog training clubs. This area was also available to individuals as well as groups for training and show purposes. The other dog training area located in the parking lot of the West Sunset Playground, was used in the evening for the same purpose by adults.

This year the Recreation Division has been especially conscious of its potential to give certain recreation services to the handicapped of our city as a result of the intensive study conducted under the direction of the Recreation and Park Commission.

DIVISION OF SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS

The San Francisco Zoological Gardens, one of the City's greatest tourist attractions, was visited by approximately two million people during the fiscal year.

The exchange of surplus animals with other Zoos has improved the collection with little cost to the City. The scientific work in the fields of pathology and diagnosis is continually improving. This year the only losses to the collection were natural ones.

The San Francisco Zoological Society, now in its eighth year of incorporation, working in close cooperation with the Recreation and Park Commission has been most efficient in increasing the educational and recreational facilities at the Zoo. The Society has given major assistance by improving the animal habitats, the equipment and the buildings and also by procuring numerous rare animals and birds for exhibition at the Zoo.

For several years the Society has operated all the foodstands within the Zoo. By June of 1961 they began to operate all of the rides in the playground area, and more recently the operation of the foodstands in this area. All profits from these concessions are used for Zoo improvements and the purchase of animals. In addition the Society pays the City and County of San Francisco a monthly rent based on 5% of the gross income from the concessions.

During the fiscal year the Society purchased 4 Pronghorn Antelopes, 3 Saiga Gazelle-goats, 3 Colobus Monkeys, 1 (baby) Indian Elephant, 2 Sassin Antelopes, 2 Zebras, 2 Giraffes, 2 (young) African Elephants and 1 (female) Gorilla, all outstanding animal specimens.

The Society has been responsible for many improvements such as work on the large Aviary, Zoo maps, equipment, fencing, wiring, plastering, cage repairs, new enclosures, architect's fee and special animal foods.

The inventory of animals at the San Francisco Zoological Gardens at the close of the fiscal year was 461 specimens of mammals of 90 species and 349 specimens of birds of 89 species.

DIVISION OF PARKS

With the ever increasing use of facilities, more maintenance work has become necessary to keep parks and playgrounds sightly and in good repair. The extensive landscape rehabilitation program, which was started a few years ago, was continued this year with several large redevelopment jobs accomplished.

Large Parks

In the Panhandle the shrub removal program was continued and the areas between Masonic Avenue and Stanyan Street have been heavily cleared and the shrub areas have been planted to lawn. 54,000 sq. ft. was prepared and sown.

The major work or relandscaping the Tenth Avenue entrance was accomplished during 1961-62 although the job has not been completed. 20,100 sq. ft. of new lawn and 15,100 sq. ft. of ground covers were planted in this area.

The 4,000 sq. ft. of old hedge was removed from Fulton Street between 14th Avenue and 25th Avenue and 9,900 sq. ft. of Mesembryanthemum was planted along the sidewalk.

Storm damage at Spreckels Lake required removal of damaged trees and shrubs and 120,000 sq. ft. was replanted.

The corner of North Ridge Road and the Main Drive was cleared and regraded for traffic safety and ease of maintenance. 30,000 sq. ft. of lawn was established.

A new service road was established behind the Bowling Greens necessitated by the new corporation yard. This area was then loamed and planted and 23 large shrubs were moved to screen the wall of the storeroom.

Repair of ball diamonds required the cutting and laying of 5,000 sq. ft. of sod and 5,800 sq. ft. of new lawns was added, also 35,000 sq. ft. of lawn was replanted in the Polo Field and Speedway Meadows.

The No. 1 Pitch at the Chalet Soccer Field had to be completely regraded. More than 10,000 sq. ft. of sod was lifted and relaid after new soil was added.

The Park Presidio Drive was overgrown and a hazard so the west side along Funston from Anza to Lake Street was cleared of shrubbery and replaced with 27,800 sq. ft. of lawn, 560 sq. ft. of succulents and 280 sq. ft. of ivy.

The Zoological Gardens were overhauled in many sections. Many old shrubs were removed and new lawn and flower beds were established. Over 5,000 sq. ft. were prepared and planted. Another 6,325 sq. ft. has been cleared and prepared for planting this fall.

Many new beds of annuals and perennials have been located in prominent spots throughout Golden Gate Park to add color and many favorable comments have been received. Eighteen thousand Mesembryanthemum were planted along Lincoln Way between 34th and 36th Avenues.

The beds in the Conservatory Valley were planted with 17,600 tulips and 41,400 annuals were used in the spring and fall displays. The floral designs, 26 in number, used 209,320 plants and 290 man days of labor.

In the Children's Quarters section 2,240 sq. ft. of new shrubbery beds were added and 1,000 sq. ft. of lawn. This provides an excellent sheltered picnic area for the mothers of small children.

Twenty new varieties of roses were donated to the new rose garden, so twenty beds were made available and prepared for receiving them.

The Rhododendron Dell required further thinning and 100 valuable large plants were balled and trucked to other areas.

The 5,000 tulips from the Dutch Growers required laying out a 13,000 sq. ft. area in beds and walks surrounded by a hedge. The show was spectacular although of short duration. Hundreds of shrubs have been planted in the area of the North Mill but the severe winds of this spring killed most of them.

The division planted a total of 327 trees, 4,603 shrubs, 206,160 annuals, 42,998 perennials, vines and groundcovers and used 53,920 plants from the nursery in the floral design. The balance of the design material was collected from other sources.

Playgrounds, Small Parks and Squares

At all small parks, squares and recreation grounds a program of cleanup and relandscaping was done wherever possible. Numerous trees and shrubs were planted, with loam, fertilizer and seed used in quantity as required.

A concerted effort was made to see all units were kept in a clean and orderly condition. Particular stress was made upon the janitorial staff regarding the buildings. Supervisory personnel was instructed to complete a follow-up. Due to the constant changeover of janitorial positions it has been necessary to instruct many new employees in the care of buildings and grounds.

An endeavor was made to continue the 2-4-D weed control program throughout the system. Many of the turf areas were aerated, top-dressed and fertilized.

Considerable forestry was done on many units, i.e. the topping and limbing of trees and/or the removal of dead and dangerous ones. The chips were used to advantage on various areas such as Stern Grove and Glen Park.

In limited quantities some of the grounds received fir bark, a substitute for tanbark, to replenish the apparatus areas. In locations where sand had been applied these areas were supplied with additional sand as needed. Practically all of the sand boxes were replenished as required.

At Buena Vista Park the thinning of overgrown and diseased trees and shrubbery on the perimeter slope areas was continued. After the slopes were cleared and regraded they were planted with wildflowers, miscellaneous trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals.

A large section in the vicinity of Haight, Buena Vista and Waller Streets was completely regraded, clay and loam applied, grass seed sown. Workmen for the project were recruited from other units part-time. During the summer season a group of workcreation boys helped out tremendously with the cleanup of the interior area.

Another project started this year and which should be completed this fall, is the perimeter of Pine Lake Park in the vicinity of 33rd Avenue and Wawona. Recently the irrigation system was installed and with some additional ground preparations the landscaping of this section can be completed.

At Balboa Park 350,000 sq. ft. was cleared, graded and prepared for grass. The soccer field was rehabilitated and approximately 10,000 sq. ft. of sod was replaced. Other sections were seeded and the field was then aerated and top-dressed.

A forestry program was undertaken this winter at Sunset Heights. The area was cleared and cleaned of dead and diseased trees, shrubs, etc. Approximately 1,000 yards of loam was stockpiled on the north slope in preparation for the planting of the lawn area. On the upper level trees were removed, loam applied and the area seeded.

Wildflowers and seeds of miscellaneous trees were broadcast on the terraced levels on the southwest slope of Bay View Park. Approximately 150 eucalyptus trees in variety were planted around the parking strip adjacent to the ballfield fence and in the vicinity of the scoreboard.

An extensive program of landscape rehabilitation took place at Crocker Amazon Playground. Numerous overgrown shrubbery groups and sections of dead or burnt hedges were removed. Grass seed was sown in the former shrub beds and young plant material replanted in the hedges. The tree crew completed a program of thinning out of dead or dangerous trees and topping and limbing. Due to the lack of water on this unit it was very difficult to maintain the turf as it should be.

Upon completion of last summer's concerts at Sigmund Stern Grove the lawn area was completely rehabilitated. The usual floral display of annuals, perennials, rhododendrons and cherry trees was quite a beautiful display throughout the flowering season. On the upper area of Stern Grove (or the old nursery site) numerous stumps were removed and fill placed thus forming a good grade throughout the entire section. With the removal of a few more stumps this fall the area will then be completed and could be made available for some type of recreation. The replacement of header boards around the putting greens was not possible due to the cost involved, therefore it was necessary to recontour by hauling in sand and loam. This was started and it is contemplated to be completed this fall, at which time the greens will be rehabilitated. The horseshoe courts were reconditioned and are now available for play.

An extensive forestry program took place this year at Camp Mather. Dead or dangerous trees were removed and the logs of the felled trees were used to replace the rotten bumper logs around the various parking areas. Woodchips were applied throughout camp. The lake was pumped out and cleaned and sprayed for weed control. The white sand that was reclaimed from the lake was placed around the children's lagoon and improved the sand area immensely. The entire camp area was cleaned of debris, and all buildings and cabins were given a thorough cleaning.

Although a number of flower beds have been eliminated from Union Square, a beautiful display of annuals - bulbs in variety were grown, and there was a continuation of bloom from early spring throughout the summer. The rhododendron show was most successful. This year there were many more programs, shows, etc. taking place on the plaza, thus requiring decorations and extra cleanup work.

The entire Kezar field was rehabilitated. In addition to the field seeding, the high jump, broad jump and track event pits were prepared by the removal of the sod. After the completion of the track season the sod was again replaced in order to complete the entire football field for the opening games. Low spots in the field were raised to grade. The running track was regraded and prepared for the opening of the track season.

Two rectangular flower beds were laid out in the Civic Center plaza and planted with annuals. For the first time a rhododendron display took place in the plaza with approximately 80 boxed plants being used, a most beautiful sight when these plants came into flower, while at the City Hall the lawn area on the Van Ness Avenue side was planted with sycamore trees to conform with the landscaping around the Opera House.

On the 17 units the ball diamonds, both hardball and soft-ball, were completely overhauled and/or partially repaired. This work included cutting, lifting, relaying and regrading. Many thousands of square feet of sod were used. Heavy equipment was used whenever available to expedite the work. Approximately 1500 cu. yds. of soil and 1200 lbs. of grass seed were used. A constant program of dragging and blading of all diamonds throughout the system as needed was done whenever equipment was available.

Both Balboa and Crocker Amazon soccer fields were over-hauled in the period of time allotted which was approximately six weeks. The work involved included the relaying of sod, and reseeding, aerating and top dressing of the areas.

At the Phelan Beach area the tractor dozed tons of sand against the seawall. In addition many loads of sand were dumped thus forming a very nice sandy beach for the summer season. It was necessary to remove many yards of sand blown and piled on to the parking area and around the Yacht Club Building. The sand was dumped on to the beach at the harbor. The tractor also dozed the sand away from the seawall. At Aquatic Park additional sand material was dumped on to the beach at the west end covering up exposed and unsightly rocks in this area. The tractor dozer moved the sand away from the wall where it had been accumulating and blowing over into the new Victorian Garden area.

This division used 709 trees, 7,198 shrubs, 64,880 annuals and 27,023 perennials, vines and ground covers during the fiscal year.

Construction and Allied Work

In the normal course of operation all plumbing facilities in the department's buildings and installations were kept operable. Some of the major plumbing jobs performed were at the five golf courses, the San Francisco Zoological Gardens, the swimming pools and the large recreation centers.

All convenience stations, buildings and statues were painted and cleaned whenever necessary to obliterate obscene writing. The major painting jobs performed were: the interiors of swimming pool buildings, lockers, bleachers, etc., the play apparatus at the Children's Playground and Fleishhacker Playfield, the exterior and interior of Harding Clubhouse as well as those of other large buildings.

Carpenters, besides handling the routine maintenance of skylights, windows, doors and gym floors, performed the following major work: the building of new swimming ramps at the Fleishhacker Swimming Pool, the building of an animal shed and tool room at Fleishhacker Zoo and an equipment shed at McLaren Golf Course, the installation of booths at numerous playgrounds and centers, the repairing of benches throughout the system, the installation of forms for pipe lines at Sharp Park, general repairs at Camp Mather and the setting up of equipment for the May Day Program and the Midsummer Music Festivals held at Sigmund Stern Grove.

The routine lighting and electrical systems throughout the Recreation and Park Department's properties were done by the department's one electrician. Major electrical work was done by the Department of Public Works or put out for bid to contractors.

A portion of the jobs performed in the area of sheet metal repairs was the making of locks, guards and counterweights for cages at Fleishhacker Zoo, the repair of scoreboards at Kezar Stadium, the making of ball washers for golf courses, the repairing of lockers and the repairing of the jet plane at Larsen Park.

All necessary repairs to fencing and the installation of new fencing was done. Some of the major work performed was the installation and repair of floats at Yacht Harbor, the securing and repairing of floats at Lake Merced, and the installation and removal of a portable fence at Kezar Stadium.

A constant checkup on play apparatus and tennis equipment in all areas was made to make certain that the equipment was functional and that no hazardous conditions existed.

The Construction Division conducted a driver's training course during this fiscal period and all drivers in the department were instructed on the merits of defensive driving.

There was also inaugurated in this division a Safety Program devised to decrease accidents to personnel. All facets of safety matters are discussed and measures are taken to keep injuries to a minimum in the shops and while the men are in the field.

The Operating Engineers maintained and operated the heating and ventilating systems, the filtering and water treating units of the nine indoor and outdoor swimming pools. They also operated and maintained the ten wells and associated booster stations for the five golf courses as well as the recreation and park irrigation systems, including the automatic sprinkler devices. The maintenance of the heating and ventilating of the twelve large and forty smaller recreational units is also in their care.

The only major outside assistance this year was to make extensive repairs to a deep well supplying water to one of the revenue producing units.

The Water Reclamation Plant in Golden Gate Park is a secondary type of sewage treatment plant using the activated sludge principle. The purpose of the plant is to reclaim water for irrigation and to maintain the level of several lakes.

The plant shut down for maintenance and repair on December 1, 1961. All mechanical and structural equipment was thoroughly inspected, serviced and repaired, where necessary. The plant resumed operation on February 5, 1962. This long out-of-service period was due to the collapse of the south aerator walkway.

During the maintenance period the entire plant was painted by a private contractor.

A safety inspection of the plant was made by the National Safety Council. Four recommendations were made and have been complied with. An in-service training session on chlorine leaks was held at the Richmond-Sunset Sewage Treatment Plant for the benefit of the Water Reclamation Plant personnel. The "ton cylinder" emergency kit and the Scott Air pack were demonstrated.

The Water Reclamation Plant produced 240.4 million gallons of water for the fiscal year ending in 1962. 190.3 million gallons were pumped to the irrigation system by the Elk Glen Lake Pumps. 50.1 million gallons were delivered to Metson, Mallard, South, Middle and North Lakes by gravity flow.

Plant personnel operated the South Mill at various intervals throughout the year in order to maintain Stow Lake at its required level, and stood by at the North Mill to observe the automatic start-up cycle at 1:30 a.m. Sundays through Thursdays. There had been several failures and it was feared that the main booster pump might burn out. This was carried out until December when new controls were installed.

Following is a brief summary of the Laboratory operations:

1. The fogging equipment requested in the budget for gnat fly, mosquito and cockroach control was received and immediately put in service. The bank and shoreline areas of Lake Merced were treated once a month for gnat and mosquito control. Pine Lake was also treated periodically for gnats and mosquitoes. The seven indoor pools were under treatment for cockroach eradication.
2. The insecticides used for the insect control programs were formulated by this laboratory. By purchasing the raw technical materials and combining the various ingredients ourselves, it resulted in a savings of 60% over a commercially prepared product.
3. Special herbicides were ordered for tule and cattail control. Results have been fairly good.
4. All current pigeon control data was reviewed and summarized.
5. Investigated the cause of the foaming problem at the Civic Center fountain. It was determined that all current methods of chemical foam suppression are too expensive to use in this case.
6. Conducted an in-service training program for the plant personnel on bacteriological testing. This now gives us a full seven day monitoring of the plant effluent.
7. Made routine inspection and provided emergency chlorination for the Sharp Park Domestic Water Reservoir.
8. A new soil test was adapted to our electronic test equipment. This test proved to be very valuable to the nursery as it revealed factors which a chemical analysis tends to overlook.
9. Intensified the search and elimination of "Cross Connections". Only one was discovered this year and it has been removed.

Conservatory

Our botanical collection in the conservatory was increased this year by 414 specimens donated by both individuals and botanic gardens. The conservatory also received 400 palm seeds, Tiniga, patula and 24 palm seed Calyptrocalyx, spicatus from the H. L. Lyon Arboretum.

Decorations were supplied for various civic affairs.

Shipped out from the conservatory for permanent use were 250 Cineraria to Sigmund Stern Grove and 340 Calceolaria to Balboa Nursery.

Of real interest to the public was the "African Tulip Tree" and the "Coral Tree", both of which bloomed for the first time at the conservatory in September of 1961.

Conducted tours were arranged for various garden clubs, schools and colleges and for the 935 Grayline bus tours carrying 42,075 tourists, which made the conservatory a regular stop June through October.

Golf Course Maintenance

The Harding Park Golf Course is the site for the Lucky International Tournament and the Roos/Atkins City Tournament, both of which are held during the winter months.

The aprons and approaches to the greens were resodded before the tournaments began and after these two important tournaments were over. Along with the resodding of tees and aerating and top-dressing greens, fairways were fertilized. Starting last December 20 tons of fertilizer was used to top-dress greens and fairways on the full 18 hole course as well as the inner 9 hole course and the putting greens.

The 9 hole course, which was built in an area that was formerly used for a 6 hole practice course, was opened for play in October.

Greens #5, 6, 7 and 9 were constructed by the Recreation and Park Department. On the 18 hole course, #5 green was lifted and the sod replaced with sod from the old #4 green that was not being used because of the revamping of the course due to the building of the 9 hole course.

A new tee was built on #5 hole, trees were removed and topped near #4 green so that more air and light would reach the green. Additional hydrants were installed around the #4 green and on the #5 tee. Water lines on the #11 fairway, broken during the revamping of the course, were repaired. Automatic sprinklers were installed on the #1 green. Sand traps on #1, 2, 3, 7, 14 and 15 were remodeled and on #4 hole a sand trap was built to the left of the green. Greens #2, 3 and 7 were resodded. All fairways on both courses were sprayed with weed killer.

With the development of the 9 hole course and at the request of tournament officials for storage space for signs, ropes, stakes, etc., a building no longer needed at the Lake Merced Boat House was moved and placed next to the present garage and tool house. It is now used for the storage of supplies, fertilizers, etc., with lockers for personnel and will be available for use by tournament officials.

The clubhouse area of the Lincoln Park Golf Course has been greatly improved by relandscaping. New lawns as well as shrubs and annuals were planted. The California Street entrance to the course was cleared of old shrubs and some trees and the slope area landscaped.

All 18 greens, tees and aprons on the golf course were spiked, fertilized and top-dressed three times during the year. The aprons around all of the greens were resodded. Tees #3, 4, 8, 10, 13 and 17 were regraded and resodded. Three additional ball washers were installed to give better service to the golfers. The tees and fairway were sprayed with weedicide for weed control. All the fairways and tees were spiked for aeration and water penetration. Seventy-five pine trees were planted on the course.

All tees at the Sharp Park Golf Course were top-dressed four times during the year. Worn out grass was resodded as needed. The following tees completely rebuilt. No. 4 tee was regraded, rebuilt, and enlarged with 3700 sq. ft. of new sod. No. 6 tee was regraded, raised, and rebuilt with 3000 sq. ft. of new sod. No. 15 tee was regraded and enlarged to a double deck tee with 4000 sq. ft. of new sod. No. 18 tee was regraded and rebuilt with 2500 sq. ft. of new sod. Other tees had minor changes. All tees were watered three times weekly. Tee markers were changed daily to help maintain better grass.

All greens were mowed 3 times weekly and also watered 3 times weekly during the watering season. Flags and cups were changed daily to prevent worn out areas. Greens were top-dressed and fertilized 4 times during the year. All greens were spiked 3 times for aeration and better drainage. Greens were weeded as needed, and sprayed with Calo-Clor for disease control such as brown patch, etc.

Sand traps were raked 3 times weekly, weeded as needed and some reshaped for better and faster playing. Sand added twice during the year.

Fairways were watered weekly during the watering season. A late winter kept the men partially watering into January. Fairways were mowed weekly and weed killer (2-4-D) applied for the control of daisies and other weeds. All rough areas on

edges of fairways were kept mowed and cleaned for faster play. Low hanging limbs on fairways were raised and some large limbs overhanging tees were removed for more sun. Gophers were kept under control with poison. All worn out areas on aprons of greens were removed and replaced with new healthy sod.

During the heavy rains in February, the two pumps at Mori's Point were checked constantly. The water rose 5 feet above normal at the Pump House to a high level on Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 17 fairways. After the tractor opened a channel in the sand dunes to the ocean, the high water receded leaving much debris and logs which had to be cleaned up and burnt. Many trees were down and had to be cleaned up and disposed of. Storm drains and ditches were cleared and kept open to provide a free flow of water to the pumps. Tules in the channel from the main lake to the pumps were sprayed with brush killer twice (2-4-D). Tules in front of the pump house were removed by hand for better flow of water. Limbs and leaves were raked and burnt from many fairways.

The area around the golf course clubhouse was planted with marigolds and dwarf dahlias. Hedges were pruned twice during the year. One hundred small trees were planted on the south boundary on #17 fairway as a protection for windows in the homes in Fairway Park subdivision.

In addition to regular routine maintenance the following work was done at the Golden Gate Park Golf Course during the fiscal year: 18 dead cypress and pine trees were removed; 40 cypress trees, 45 myoporum shrubs and 24 acacia shrubs were planted; twice during the year 12 flats of annual flowers were planted; one sand trap was closed; the fairways were sprayed twice with 2-4-D, and all tees were resodded or repaired after the "Father and Son Tournament".

McLaren Golf Course was opened for play during the month of February 1962. In addition to the regular maintenance, work was done on traps, greens, and the construction of new tees to increase play on the course.

Plants used on all golf courses for the fiscal year 1961-62 were 519 trees, 672 shrubs, 2,880 annuals and 1,765 ground covers.

Nurseries

This year, for the first time since 1942, larger plant materials were ready for the spring season. These larger plants were better able to survive under prevailing conditions common to many of our landscaped areas.

The physical properties at the nursery in Golden Gate Park have been better protected by the erection of a new fence with budgeted funds. Generally speaking, the structures that make up this nursery are in good condition. The buildings at Balboa Park Nursery have been used with only emergency repairs being made since they are soon to be razed in favor of the Southern Freeway. Plans have been made for the necessary construction that will allow to be combined in one area, the operations now performed between the nurseries at Balboa Park and Golden Gate Park.

Suitable decorations have been provided the various City offices and civic functions as required. Also, support has been given the various shows and activities held at the Hall of Flowers by the loan of suitable plant materials from the nursery.

MATERIALS DELIVERED

Trees	2,133
Shrubs	13,439
Bedding Plants	344,560
Perennials, vines and ground covers	73,105
Decorative Potted Plants	740
Cut Flowers (bundles)	4,938
Redwood Stakes	940

Strybing Arboretum

The most significant progress made in the Strybing Arboretum during the year 1961-62 was the approval of the working drawings for the first step of the Master Plan. The area under consideration includes the new entrance way and the presently undeveloped east end of the arboretum. A topographical map of the entire arboretum was prepared by Frank L. Nemec and Associates, which shows existing irrigation lines and proposed new installations. These plans conform with the new landscape design and become a valuable record for future development of the arboretum.

Several plans for the Garden of Fragrance were rejected by the Civic Design Committee, consequently the Strybing Arboretum Society has asked Mr. Robert Tetlow to submit a plan which, if approved, will be presented to the arboretum as a gift. It is hoped that this project will be constructed in conjunction with the first step of the Master Plan.

Preliminary designs for the Strybing Arboretum - Sunset Magazine Demonstration Gardens have been approved by the State of California Fairs and Exposition Division. Detailed working drawings are now being prepared by the architects. In addition

to the \$21,000 now on hand, the Fairs and Exposition Division has assured the arboretum that a sum of \$10,000 will be made available each year to assist in the completion of the Demonstration Gardens.

Through the efforts of the Strybing Arboretum Society, the Redwood Trail has been completed and was dedicated on May 17, 1962. Arrangements have been made with the San Francisco School System to conduct nature studies in this area for the benefit of the 4th, 5th and 6th grade school children. The San Francisco Boys' Club is planning to use the Redwood Trail as part of their summer day camp activity.

A new 80' by 25' propagating house, valued at \$17,000, was donated to the arboretum by the Strybing Arboretum Society. This much needed glasshouse is now complete and will be in operation within one month.

The new California section of the arboretum, some 4 acres in extent, has been planted to over 200 species of native plants. These have been arranged in their respective climatic zones for study by visitors.

During the past year, 917 new accessions of seeds, plants and cuttings have been received from botanical gardens and growers in many parts of the world. The Strybing Arboretum has reciprocated by providing magnolia pollen for plant breeding to the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, plant material to the State of California Bureau of Plant Pathology for virus research, herbarium specimens to the Oregon State University, seeds of rare and unusual plants to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, England, Los Angeles State and County Arboretum, University of Washington Arboretum, and University of California Botanical Garden. In addition, numerous displays of rare plant material have been provided to garden clubs and horticultural organizations throughout the San Francisco bay region.

A total of 1505 persons were given group tours through the arboretum during 1961-62. Members of the arboretum staff presented 45 lectures to garden clubs and civic groups, and also made 4 radio and 3 television appearances of an educational nature.

The following statistics on activities at the Hall of Flowers are significant, particularly when compared to those of the same period during 1960-61.

	<u>1961-62</u>	<u>1960-61</u>
Garden Club Activities Attendance	74,569	69,162
Miscellaneous Civic and Cultural Attendance	<u>32,173</u>	<u>14,478</u>
TOTAL ATTENDANCE	106,742	83,640
RENTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$13,055</u>	<u>\$3,825</u>

DIVISION OF BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION

COMPARISON OF REVENUES ESTIMATED IN 1961-62 BUDGET
WITH REVENUES COLLECTED

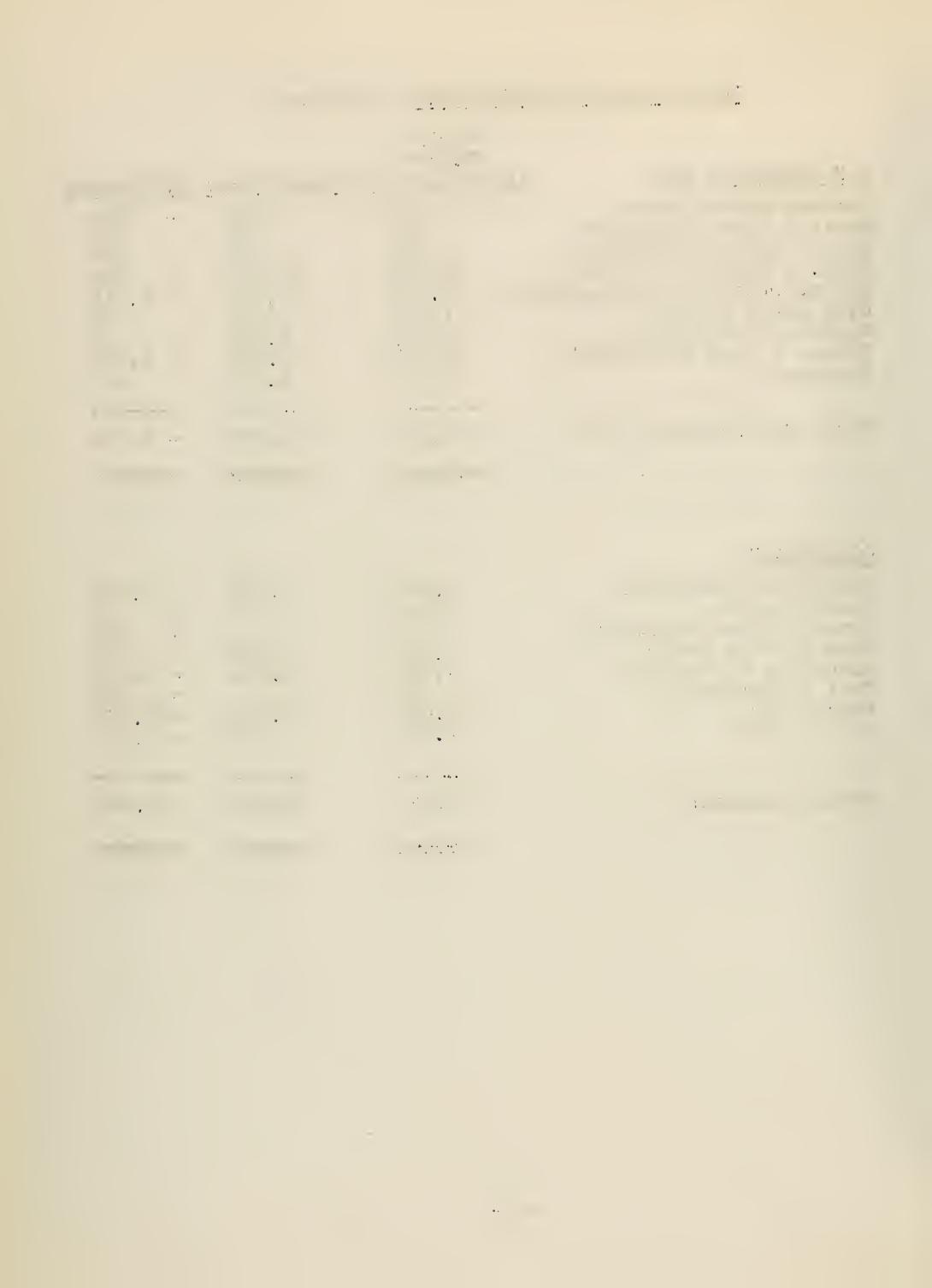
	Budget Estimate	Receipts Collected	Difference
Coit Tower - Admission Fees	34,000	33,945	- 55
Golf Fees - Harding	172,000	203,376	31,376
Golf Fees - Lincoln	92,000	102,895	10,895
Golf Fees - Sharp Park	125,000	137,695	12,695
Golf Fees - Golden Gate Park	68,000	70,203	2,203
Golf Fees - McLaren Park		17,499	17,499
Balboa Stadium - Rent	3,400	3,303	- 97
Golden Gate Park Stadium Rent	200	220	20
Kezar Pavilion Rent	15,000	20,636	5,636
Kezar Stadium Rent	140,000	141,707	1,707
Fleishhacker Bathhouse	8,900	11,473	2,573
Children's Quarters Rides	11,000	11,582	582
Tennis Fees	3,000	4,625	1,625
Sharp Park Rifle Range	4,000	4,470	470
Swimming Facilities	76,000	65,228	-10,772
St. Mary's Square Garage	17,000	16,849	- 151
Yacht Harbor Mooring Fees	37,500	43,852	6,352
Union Square Garage	113,000	135,275	22,275
Lake Merced Fishing Permits	6,700	6,302	- 398
Golden Gate Park Riding Concession	1,000	1,115	115
Aquatic Park Concession	9,500	9,683	183
Stow Lake Boathouse	13,900	18,054	4,154
Miscellaneous Concessions	33,600	34,204	604
Photography Center	6,000	7,929	1,929
Fleishhacker Zoo Cafe Concession	17,000	26,609	9,609
Children's Quarters Food	47,000	52,218	5,218
Harding Park Cafe	8,000	11,512	3,512
Lincoln Park Cafe	2,600	2,468	- 132
McLaren Park Coffee Shop		600	600
Sharp Park Cafe	6,000	7,215	1,215
Kezar Concessions	60,000	76,337	16,337
Japanese Tea Garden Rent	19,000	19,780	780
Yacht Harbor Rent	4,700	4,489	- 211
Bayview Park Dock Fees		1,248	1,248
Sundry Rents	2,000	3,301	1,301
Other Miscellaneous	5,000	12,121	7,121
Camp Mather	120,000		
Less: Unappropriated Revenue	11,194	108,806	14,705
Storyland Admissions		36,327	- 6,557
Storyland Concessions	2,000	1,697	- 303
Total Recreation and Park Revenue	1,309,133	1,474,996	165,863

COMPARISON OF EXPENDITURES FOR ALL APPROPRIATIONS
OTHER THAN THOSE FOR PERSONAL SERVICES, WITH ORIGINAL
BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1961-1962

<u>GENERAL DIVISION</u>	Original Budget	Appropriation	Expenditures	Difference
Contractual Services	29,295	27,530	-	1,765
Telephone and Telegraph	21,400	24,741	3,341	
Scavenger Service	15,177	16,278	1,101	
Window Washing Services	1,000	1,020	20	
Pest Control	120	120		
Repairs Other Equipment	2,000	1,335	-	665
Services Reproduction Bureau	2,800	2,474	-	326
Use of Employees' Cars	10,000	9,800	-	200
 Mtce. & Repair - Buildings	55,700	51,303	-	4,397
Mtce. & Repair - Structures	37,979	19,041	-	-18,938
Mtce. & Repair - Other Equipment (Boilers)	6,500	6,500		-
Mtce. & Repair - Auto Equipment	57,000	59,969	2,969	
Reconstruction & Replacements	194,040	86,919	-	107,121
Heat, Light & Power	168,387	160,654	-	7,733
Concerts	35,650	35,460	-	190
 Materials & Supplies	182,525	172,076	-	10,449
Fuel & Lubricants	28,150	25,282	-	2,868
Dry Goods & Wearing Apparel	3,500	3,278	-	222
Stationery Withdrawals	1,800	1,556	-	244
Foodstuffs	4,371	4,371		-
Canned Goods & Dried Fruits	873	873		-
Soil & Fertilizer	12,000	11,661	-	339
Forage & Food for Animals	1,500	1,121	-	379
 Equipment	66,100	63,094	-	3,006
Accident Compensation	20,000	70,405	50,405	
Judgments	1,000	1,000		-
Premium on Official Bonds	350			350
Automotive Insurance	8,154	6,738	-	1,416
Insurance Premiums	466	4,423	3,957	
Membership Dues	1,135	78	-	1,057
Taxes	4,754	5,152	398	
Rentals	677	677		-
 Total General Division	974,403	874,929	-	-99,474
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COMPARISON OF EXPENDITURES (Continued)

SAN FRANCISCO ZOO	Original Budget		Appropriation	Expenditures	Difference
Contractual Services	450	185	-	265	
Repairs Other Equipment	200	366	-	166	
Use of Employees' Cars	375	230	-	145	
Mtce. & Repair Structures	13,500	12,544	-	956	
Reconstruction & Replacements	23,750	21,409	-	2,341	
Heat Light & Power	11,423	11,458	-	35	
Material & Supplies	3,129	3,112	-	17	
Forage & Food for Animals	74,000	71,638	-	2,362	
Equipment	2,462	1,856	-	606	
 Total San Francisco Zoo	 129,289	 122,798	 -	 6,491	
 <u>COMMISSARY</u>	 <u> </u>	 <u> </u>	 <u> </u>	 <u> </u>	
Contractual Services	3,840	2,215	-	1,625	
Rodent Control	400	397	-	3	
Repairs Other Equipment	800	-		800	
Heat Light & Power	1,800	2,402	-	602	
Materials & Supplies	4,900	2,481	-	2,419	
Fuel & Lubricants	100	-		100	
Foodstuffs	50,000	26,874	-	23,126	
Sales Taxes	2,000	731	-	1,269	
 Total Commissary	 63,840	 35,100	 -	 28,740	
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COMPARISON OF EXPENDITURES (Continued)

RECREATIONAL UNITS	Original Budget		Difference
	Appropriation	Expenditures	
Contractual Services	4,987	4,619	- 368
Window Washing Services	150	30	- 120
Repairs Other Equipment	950	596	- 354
Use of Employees' Cars	325	325	-
Transportation To Assignments			
Out of Town	1,100	1,078	- 22
Mtce. & Repair - Buildings	3,750	3,001	- 749
Mtce. & Repair - Kezar			
Floodlighting	1,000	1,000	-
Reconstruction & Replacements	27,175	10,972	-16,203
Heat Light & Power	41,500	28,339	-13,161
Regulatory Traffic Signals		2,200	2,200
Materials & Supplies	15,840	15,494	- 346
Fuel & Lubricants	2,500	1,930	- 570
Dry Goods & Wearing Apparel	200	94	- 106
Materials & Supplies - Resale	900	873	- 27
Equipment	17,949	18,067	118
Insurance Premium	225	216	- 9
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Total Recreation Units	118,551	88,834	-29,717
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LAKE MERCED SPORT FISHING

Contractual Services	7,100	8,003	- 903
Materials & Supplies	80	59	- 21
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Total Lake Merced Sport Fishing	7,180	8,062	882
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COMPARISON OF EXPENDITURES (Continued)

CAMP MATHER	Original	Budget	
	Appropriation	Expenditures	Difference
Contractual Services	14,914	13,833	- 1,081
Reconstruction & Replacements	8,350	1,700	- 6,650
Materials & Supplies	7,620	7,392	- 228
Foodstuffs	35,800	28,226	- 7,574
Equipment	580	439	- 141
Taxes - Real Estate	988	1,032	44
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Total Camp Mather	68,252	52,622	-15,630
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STORYLAND

Contractual Services	100	64	- 36
Mtce. & Repair - Structures	6,500	1,772	- 4,728
Materials & Supplies	2,675	1,093	- 1,582
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Total Storyland	9,275	2,929	- 6,346
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RAYMOND S. KIMBELL
GENERAL MANAGER



September 5, 1963

*The Honorable George Christopher
Mayor of San Francisco
City Hall
San Francisco, California*

Dear Mayor Christopher:

In conformity with Section 25 of the Charter it is a pleasure to transmit to you the Annual Report of the Recreation and Park Department covering the fiscal year 1962-1963.

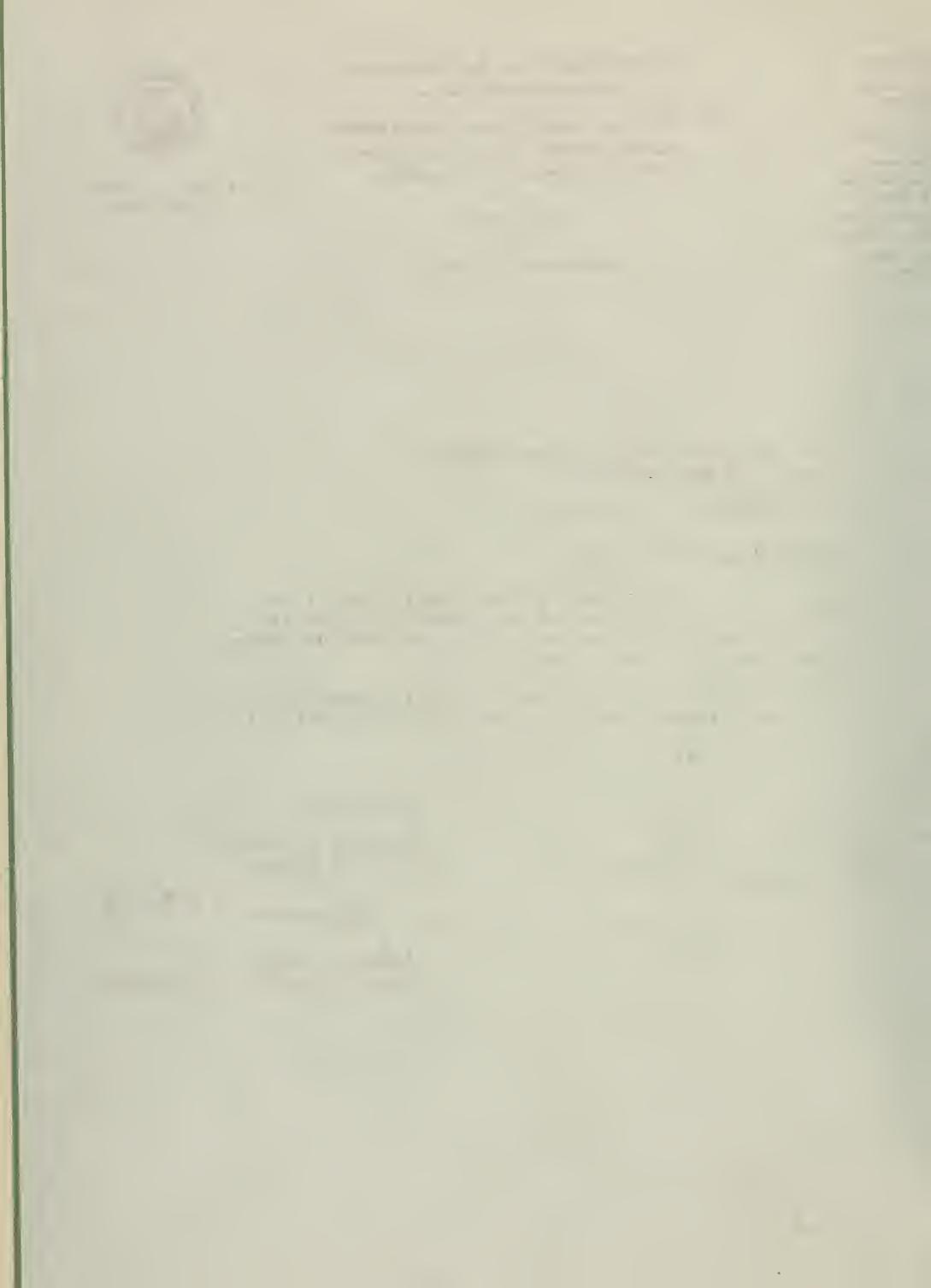
It is hoped that you will find the various Division reports interesting and helpful.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

*Raymond S. Kimbell
General Manager*

James P. Lang
*James P. Lang
Superintendent of Recreation*



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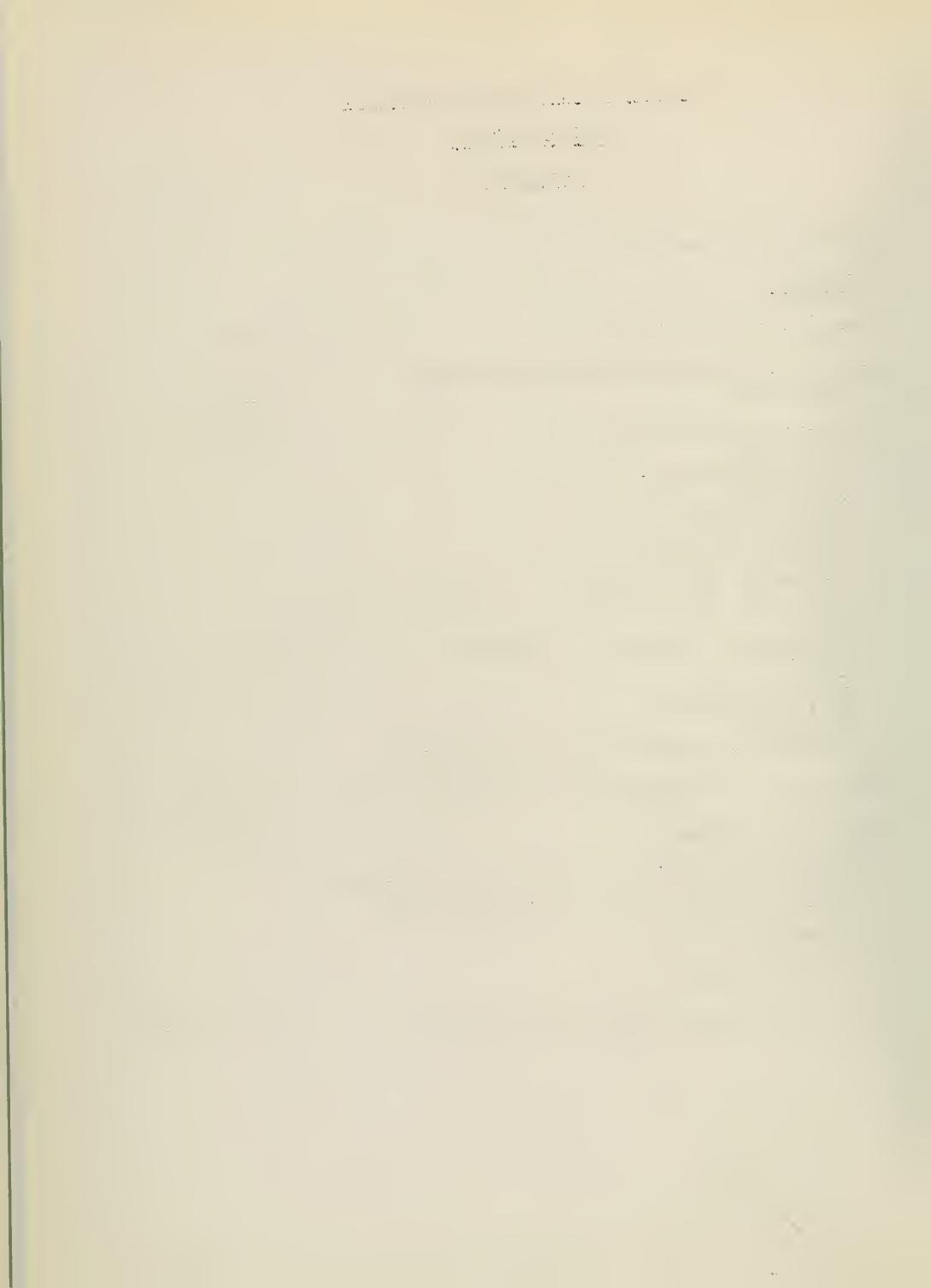
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RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

	<u>Appointment Date</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Haas, Walter A., President	June 27, 1962	June 27, 1966
Bercut, Peter	June 27, 1962	June 27, 1966
Casey, Mary Margaret	June 27, 1960	June 27, 1964
Coffman, William M., Vice President	June 27, 1962	June 27, 1966
Conway, John F., Jr.	June 27, 1961	June 27, 1965
Herz, Dr. Francis	June 27, 1961	June 27, 1965
Moore, Mrs. Joseph A., Jr.	June 27, 1960	June 27, 1964
Mary B. Connolly, Secretary	Appointed April 5, 1962	

RECREATION AND PARK STAFF

	<u>Appointed</u>
Raymond S. Kimbell, General Manager 3140 (Non Civil Service)	February 14, 1958
James P. Lang, Recreation Superintendent 3294 (Non Civil Service)	February 14, 1958
Bartle S. Rolph, Parks Superintendent 3350 (Non Civil Service)	April 16, 1958
Carey M. Baldwin, Zoo Director 3340 (Non Civil Service)	August 11, 1941
Percy H. Brydon, Arboretum Director 3130 (Non Civil Service)	June 6, 1960
John S. McDonald, Business Manager 3104 (Civil Service)	June 16, 1960

RECAPITULATION

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS COMPLETED 1962-63

<u>Number of Projects</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>1955 Bonds</u>	<u>Total</u>
25	\$ 245,869		\$ 245,869
<u>1</u>	<u>_____</u>	<u>\$ 17,793</u>	<u>17,793</u>
Total 26	\$ 245,869	\$ 17,793	\$ 263,662
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A T T E N D A N C E

PLAYGROUNDS

<u>Name of Unit</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Name of Unit</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Alta Plaza Square	20,266	Lee, Joseph	88,765
Aptos	42,727	Levi Strauss	25,031
Argonne	34,521	McCoppin	33,639
Balboa	82,284	Merced Heights	44,324
Bayview	28,385	Michelangelo	12,457
Bernal	46,741	Midtown	39,288
Big Rec	219,700	Miraloma	38,456
Cabrillo	51,434	Mission Dolores Park	76,103
Cayuga	32,711	Mission Playground	87,031
Chalmers, Alice	41,590	Mountain Lake	37,301
Chinese Center	11,584	Murphy, J.P.	32,032
Chinese Playground	106,241	Noe Valley Courts	22,906
Cow Hollow	36,702	North Beach	269,607
Crocker-Amazon	96,178	Ocean View	102,332
Douglas	32,995	Parkside Square	27,219
Duboce	25,066	Peixotto, Sidney	18,566
Eureka Valley	139,682	Portola	114,646
Excelsior	63,959	Potrero Hill	91,646
Folsom	48,358	Presidio Heights	18,725
Fulton	38,780	Richmond	57,860
Funston	281,452	Rochambeau	39,378
Gilman	30,977	Rolph	143,388
Glen Park	84,628	Rossi	78,514
Golden Gate Tennis Courts	99,196	St. Mary's	87,742
Grattan	42,522	Silver Terrace	83,817
Hamilton	147,381	South Sunset	80,064
Hayes Valley	50,928	Stern Grove	73,675
Hayward Boys'	46,485	Stern Grove Annex	13,438
Hayward Girls'	68,388	Sunset	114,623
Jackson	51,878	Upper Noe	126,622
Junipero Serra	36,545	Visitacion Valley	33,051
Kahn, Julius	57,227	Wawona Greens	9,554
Lafayette	125,413	West Portal	17,807
Larsen Square	28,349	West Sunset	91,365
Laurel Hill	37,846	Wills, Helen	87,304
			<u>4,707,395</u>

Housing Centers

<u>Name of Unit</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Hunters Point Gymnasium	90,220
Milton Meyer Recreation Center	74,421
Sunnydale	16,591
Valencia Gardens	15,222
Westside Courts	9,731
Yerba Buena Senior Center	<u>35,387</u>
	<u>241,572</u>

Aquatic Division

	<u>Attendance</u>
Aquatic Park	1,251,718
Balboa Pool	157,920
Fleishhacker Pool	176,373
Garfield Pool	133,110
Hamilton Pool	79,482
Lake Merced Sports Center	263,409
Larsen Pool	173,930
McLaren Pool	96,359
Mission Pool	34,029
North Beach Pool	137,782
Phelan Beach	490,330
Rossi Pool	143,176
Total	<u>3,137,618</u>

Miscellaneous Facilities and Activities

Camp Mather	22,977
Carnival	6,569
Drama Center	10,253
Music Center	1,968
Photography Center	50,619
Pine Lake Camp	3,289
Randall, Josephine D. Randall Junior Museum	77,469
Rifle Range, Sharp Park	10,591
Senior Citizens' Hobby Show	6,763
Silver Tree Day Camp	13,344
Midsummer Music Festival, Stern Grove	100,199
Storyland	200,144
Total	<u>504,185</u>

RECAPITULATION

Playgrounds	4,707,395
Housing Centers	241,572
Aquatics	3,137,618
Miscellaneous Facilities and Activities	504,185
Grand Total	<u>8,590,770</u>

DIVISION OF RECREATION

Great strides have been made this past fiscal year in the quality and quantity of the recreation programs provided to San Francisco citizens of all ages, an indication of the high degree of skills and personal pride that both the full-time and part-time personnel attained in their work this year.

Area Supervision

Under the direct supervision of the four Area Supervisors, and in consultation with those charged with the supervision of activities, as comprehensive a program of activities, as personnel and facilities permitted, was conducted at playgrounds and recreation centers. The effectiveness of the service offered was continuously evaluated by field visits, counselling sessions and conferences with the Recreation Directors. As studies of the recreational needs of the four areas indicated further programming, such suggestions and recommendations were referred to the Assistant Superintendent of Recreation for consideration.

To provide parent-child participation in playground activities, and to augment the daily schedule of activities, special events were planned by the directors in each area, as for example: Playground Carnivals, Saturday Cook-Outs, Fashion Shows, Athletic Award Nights and the Summer Outings which average in attendance approximately 250 children per outing. One of the highlights of the year was a Film Festival Night. Slides and movies of various activities, as well as out of town trips, were shown to the parents and children of the neighborhood.

Throughout the year the Area Supervisors represented the department at many public meetings, i.e., Police Community Relations Committees, P.T.A. and P.T.G. Meetings, Neighborhood Councils, as well as other area special interest groups.

Arts and Crafts

Since the organization of the Arts and Crafts Division last year, there has been a very satisfactory growth in both the quality and quantity of the Arts and Crafts Classes conducted on the playgrounds and in recreation centers. This improvement and enlargement in the program is the result of three factors. First: new equipment and supplies; secondly, very extensive In-Service Training for Recreation Directors; thirdly, the cooperation of both public and

private agencies and groups and the services of volunteer teachers.

The new equipment and supplies were acquired from budget purchases or through the soliciting and collection of scrap materials for craft projects, which were redistributed to recreation units. Many local firms have been most generous in their donations. The new equipment included two new ceramic kilns and four portable sewing machines, and accessory equipment for sewing classes. Portable equipment is rotated between all units so that different groups have the opportunity to use all available equipment.

The In-Service Training for Directors included three sessions for the entire staff; five special Easter Craft Sessions attended by an average of twenty directors each session; special sessions in Leathercraft, special sessions in Ceramics for directors organizing new Children's and Adult's Ceramic Classes; four classes in the techniques of teaching children's art for twenty directors, conducted by the San Francisco Museum of Art; a tour of the Richmond Art Center.

The cooperation of the San Francisco Museum of Art and of the De Young Museum, the Richmond Art Center and the Artist's Cooperative resulted in higher standards in the classes taught by recreation directors. Through the Artist's Cooperative, five local artists volunteered their services to teach five summer classes in children's art at the Chinese, Funston, Potrero Hill and Sunset Recreation Centers. Another unaffiliated artist taught a children's summer class at the Excelsior Playground.

Other highlights of the year were the first city-wide Arts and Crafts Exhibit, featuring the work of children, adults and Senior Citizens, held at the Sharon Building, on November 16, 17 and 18. Approximately 1,000 persons attended. Potrero Hill Playground featured two Craft Exhibits: one a four-day exhibit at the close of vacation, and the other at Easter; the children's art classes conducted by the twenty directors who received the In-Service Training at the San Francisco Museum of Art, and the new classes in ceramics by the directors who attended the Ceramic In-Service Classes.

Over one hundred classes in Arts and Crafts are regularly scheduled at playgrounds and recreation centers in the spring and fall. New groups organized during the past year include four Adult Gravel, Pebbles, and Glass Mosaic Classes, two Senior Citizen, one Adult, and four Children's Ceramic Classes; three Mother's Sewing Classes and one Boys' Woodworking Class.

Aquatics

The fiscal year 1962-63 shows a drop in attendance of 990,737 over the fiscal year 1961-62. The grand total attendance in this fiscal year was 3,137,918 as compared with last year 4,128,655. There are many reasons for the decline this year. The Aquatic units were closed for repairs for a total of 179 days, while last year it was only 120 days. Mission Pool opened on July 1st this year instead of May 1st, due to the installation of a new pool deck. In 1962 Fleishhacker Pool was open only in the afternoons and all day Saturdays and Sundays during school sessions. The Far Western Swim Meet at Fleishhacker Pool was discontinued as of 1962. In 1962 there were six Division Swims, in 1963 only one. The Red Cross attendance dropped 1,136. To avoid over crowding of pools when adequate lifeguard protection was not available, in the interest of safety, it was necessary to hold out several hundred persons a week at three of our pools.

Lake Merced Sports Center gained \$258.00 since January, 1962, when youth groups began paying \$2.50 for the rental of one room.

The San Francisco Merionettes scored great successes during this fiscal year when they won the following championships: National Indoor and Outdoor Team Championship, the National Indoor-Outdoor Duet Championship, The Far-Western Championships - Team, Duet and Solo. And, also the Junior National Championships - Team and Duet. Their coach, Marion Kane, conducted a Synchronized Swim Clinic in Eugene, Oregon, in October, 1962.

New groups that have been added as of August, 1962, to those already using our Aquatic facilities include the International Shade Tree Convention, Salvation Army, Neighborhood House, Jack and Jill, Mariposa Boat Club, Calvary Baptist Church, West Portal Forum (teen-agers), San Francisco General Hospital, California School for Deaf Children, M. Pauline Brown School, and Mount Tamalpais group. The classes include adult classes, children and pre-school classes, SCUBA, First-Aid, Lifesaving, Sailing, Handicapped Swim Classes, Junior High and Senior High School Classes. Most of these classes are discontinued during the summer vacation weeks so that some 20,000 children could avail themselves of the opportunity to learn to swim through the concerted efforts of the Unified School District, the American Red Cross, and the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department. This was the lowest registration in 15 years, and to quote the Red Cross, "This was due to inadequate recruitment on our part." In previous years the registrations were well over 30,000.

Athletics

Working in close cooperation with the Recreation Directors and special interest groups, a diversified athletic program was offered this year.

The Men's and Boys' Division offered many types of sports to boys on the playgrounds and some boys who were members of private group work agencies. Baseball, basketball, touch football, track and field and seven man soccer were the most popular activities. Among other types of athletic activities conducted for boys were: table tennis, softball, volleyball, a basketball pentathlon, kickball and a football feature contest.

There were 220 teams in the boys' baseball program. 3,500 boys participated in this activity which was divided into four divisions, Midget, Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors.

In addition, this division supervised open softball and basketball leagues for adults as well as scheduling and coordinating softball and basketball leagues for groups such as the C.Y.O., B'nai B'rith, Acacia League, City Employees, A.Z.A., Lutheran Advertising League, Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company, DeMolay, Latter Day Saints, Nisei, Native Sons of the Golden West, San Francisco Fire Department, Shopping News, Standard Oil and the Council of Churches.

The Sharp Park Rifle Range which was open on week-ends hosted the Northern California Junior Rifle League, the State Championship and the National Junior Championship.

This facility was used throughout the year on Mondays and Wednesdays by the Criminology Department's Firearm Training Class and also during the week by the Pacifica and San Bruno Police Departments.

The department's soccer fields serviced the Junior and Senior High School teams, the C.Y.O., the San Francisco Soccer Football League, and the Gaelic Athletic Association.

The Women's and Girls' Division reached a new high in unit participation with emphasis on active participation in games and sports by both adults and children.

Tennis became one of our most active individual participation sports on both the children and adult level this past year. Interest has been developed by a cooperative program with the Youth Tennis Foundation of Northern California for children 10 years of age and over. New tennis

clubs have been organized at several units with intra-playground tournaments and one-day club matches resulting from this interest.

The Forty-Fourth Annual Tennis Tournament for boys and girls through seventeen years of age was conducted with 162 participating in this event which was divided into four age groups.

In conjunction with the Youth Tennis Foundation of Northern California, 27 Beginners' Clinics were conducted during the year. Over 1,800 children participated in these clinics.

Five "On Court" Clinics for the more advanced players from the Beginners' Classes were held at Golden Gate Park Tennis Courts.

One hundred twenty-four children participated in these classes. The group was equally divided as to the number of boys and girls participating.

The 21 tennis courts in Golden Gate Park rarely had vacancies. Some of the groups that kept them busy during the year were: Junior Wightman Cup Club, San Francisco High Schools, universities and colleges, Standard Oil, Southern Pacific, Wells Fargo, Bechtel Corporation, Golden Gate Tennis Club sponsored tournaments, Grandmothers' Tournament, Northern California Tennis Association, Musicians' Union and the Youth Tennis Foundation.

These courts were supervised 60 hours a week during the six months of Daylight Savings Time in order to maintain the maximum use by the greatest number of players. On week-ends and holidays there were long waiting lists for two hours of play.

This Division also conducted leagues and tournaments in Girls' Softball and Girls' Volleyball. There were 57 Softball teams, while the Intermediate and Senior Girls' Volleyball Tournament consisted of 41 teams.

In compliance with the national schedule of the Division of Girls' and Women's Sports, many activities were set up as playdays. These activities included midget girls' netball, mixed indoor relays, basketball, kickball, mixed volleyball and dodgeball.

The Eighth Annual Girls' Track and Field Meet was held in May with 412 girls participating in the individual playground meets with 206 in the city-wide meet.

Jacks, checkers and chess tournaments were conducted during the summer months on individual playgrounds with winners meeting in city-wide competition.

The Industrial Division, a unique and self-supporting program comprising 60 member firms within the city had an exceptionally active year. Activities directed and sponsored by the Athletic Division included such tournaments as tennis, volleyball, bowling, badminton, softball and basketball. Individual activities of tennis clinics, swimming, horseback riding and two week-end excursions helped complete a well-rounded recreational program for the working adult of San Francisco. Award dinners were held at the conclusion of the tournaments with over three-fourths of the participants attending.

Drama and Dance

Drama and Dance activities conducted on various recreation units throughout the city were storytelling, story play, Story League Classes, puppetry, play production (adult, teen-age and children), drama activities, stage craft, singing games, small folk rhythmnics, folk dancing (boys and girls), folk, square and rounds (adults), Social Dance Workshops (adults and teen-age), ethnic dance groups, special dance groups and Doll Shows.

Storyland, a unique feature of the Drama and Dance Division, was open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., March through December, and operated seven days a week during school vacations, otherwise Wednesdays through Sundays. There were 203,625 paid admissions during the fiscal year 1962-63.

Many programs were conducted at Storyland during the year. Some of those which were of special interest to visitors were: Storyland's Queen of the Year, Annual Birthday Anniversary, Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Party, Santa and Reindeer from Santa's village, Puppet Shows, Magic Shows, Treasure Hunts, Storytelling Programs, Watermelon Eating Contest, Pacifica Clowns, Children's Plays; Memorial Day, Mother's and Father's Day Programs, Television and Radio personalities.

New this year for teen-agers was the dance group conducted at Hamilton Recreation Center which proved very rewarding and a storytelling class conducted at the Recreational Arts Building which was very well received. The popular city-wide drama workshop was again conducted as a special summer activity. Social dance workshops for this age group were again conducted at the J. P. Murphy and Alice Chalmers Playgrounds.

Ethnic dance groups were a highlight of this year's program, a Chinese Classic Dance Group, the Croatians, and the most newly organized, the aforementioned Teen Group.

The Golden Gate and Storyland Story Leagues, both organized by this division are members of the National Story League and attended the Western Division Convention at Armstrong Cove. In response to many requests for a daytime Story League, the Wawona Story League was organized.

Annual city-wide programs organized and conducted by this division were: "Carnival" at Stern Grove, May Day Festival at Kezar Stadium, Columbus Day Pageant at Aquatic Park, Story Play Festival and Contest at Stern Grove, State-wide Folk Dance Festival at Kezar Pavilion, Doll Show (2) days at Sharon Building, Joseph Lee Day at "Big Rec", Christmas Parade at Union Square.

By attending meetings, serving on committees and assembling material, assistance was given to other divisions of the department, public agencies and civic groups, as well as professional drama and dance organizations, doll clubs and Story Leagues.

Golf

The total volume of play on Harding, Lincoln, Sharp Park and Golden Gate Golf Courses increased over the previous year and reached a new all-time high. The following tournaments were held: San Francisco Championship (Harding, Lincoln and Sharp Park); San Francisco Junior Championship (Lincoln); Northern California Father and Son Championship (Golden Gate); San Francisco High School Matches (Lincoln); Ten Inter-Collegiate Matches (Harding and Sharp Park); Six Men's Club Tournaments (Harding, Lincoln and Sharp Park); Six Women's Club Tournaments (Harding, Lincoln, and Sharp Park); Six U.S. Service Men's Tournaments (Lincoln and Sharp Park); Two Industrial Division-Recreation and Park Department (Lincoln and Sharp Park); Lucky International (Harding); Examiner Hole-in-One (Lincoln); Roos Atkins, (Harding).

Junior Museum

Programs of scientific and cultural hobbies were presented throughout the year at the Josephine D. Randall Junior Museum. Children participated in study groups interested in zoology, botany, geology and related science subjects and took part in craft workshops in art, ceramics, lapidary, and model building. These programs were augmented by new exhibits, collections, educational motion pictures, field trips and animal demonstrations. Guided tours were conducted for school classes and other visiting organized groups.

The loan of the cultural material of the Indians of Northern California was extended for another year by the University of California, thus enabling the Museum to continue this popular exhibit. The Auxiliary of the Museum provided funds for the installation of a new exhibit on "Life in the Past", featuring Dinosaurs. These two exhibits, Indians and Dinosaurs, are the only ones on these subjects available to children in San Francisco.

The Advisory Board, and the Auxiliary of the Museum, continued their active interest and cooperation in developing new exhibits and programs. Through their efforts many specimens of scientific and cultural interest were added to the Museum's collections for study and display.

Music

During the year 1962-63 the Music Division conducted its program at playgrounds and recreation centers and at the Recreational Arts Building in the form of singing groups and rhythm bands of pre-school age children, folk song and toy symphony groups for children of grammar school age, adult choruses, Senior Citizens' community singing, Recreation Symphony Orchestra, Adult Dance Band and Golden Gate Band.

Children's Ukelele Classes, offered by the department for several years, were increased from three to five, and the Summer Sandwich Concerts, in response to increased interest from the preceding year, were increased from two to three.

New activities for children were an Instrumental Ensemble conducted during the summer, and several Pied Piper's Pipes Classes, began during the summer and continued through the fall.

Instruction in Folk Guitar was a new and highly successful adult activity; seven well-attended classes were offered during the fall and spring-of sixteen sessions each, with public response indicating that this would continue to be a popular attraction.

Participation in public performances included the Annual Carnival at Stern Grove and the Joseph Lee Day Program, Christmas Carol Festival at City Hall, several Storyland programs, Recreation Symphony Orchestra Concert, a number of Recreation Musicales, and a great many special holiday programs.

Assistance and cooperation in planning and programming music were given to, among others, the Photography and the

Drama and Dance Divisions of the department, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the San Francisco Boys' Chorus, the San Francisco Youth Wind Ensemble, the Sweet Adelines, the Men of Note, the American Association of University Women, and the San Francisco Musical Club.

Photography

The Photography Center was a very busy place during the twelve months from July 1, 1962 to June 30, 1963. The attendance for the year was 50,619.

There were 1,798 members who made use of the Center. On June 30, 1963, there were 928 paid up members. Of this number 777 were adults and 151 were junior members, 512 of which purchased semi-annual memberships and 416 purchased annual memberships.

Revenue received from July 1, 1962 through June 29, 1963 was as follows: Membership \$8,904.00, Lockers \$1,176.82, a total of \$10,080.82.

An extensive program of "Quickie" photo courses, photographic lectures, demonstrations and other events were conducted during the year. These activities were enthusiastically attended by hundreds of camera fans, all of which added greatly to the knowledge of the participants.

During the past year, San Francisco received many national commendations for its Photography Center. Several well-known magazines contained one to three pages of pictures and printed matter about the Center. All of these articles were highly complimentary.

Senior Citizens

The Tenth Annual Senior Citizens' Hobby Show, conducted by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, in cooperation with the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, the San Francisco Public Library, the San Francisco Labor Council, the Emporium and the Adult Education Division of the San Francisco Unified School District, had an attendance of 6,763 spectators. One thousand one hundred and six items were displayed by three hundred and thirty exhibitors.

Seventeen Senior Citizen Center groups have been organized and meet on various units of the department. Fifteen are operated one day a week. Two are being operated five days a week. The total number of participants was 28,320.

Tiny Tots

The Tiny Tot Program, as performed by the department, is a form of a play experience. The principal aims are to

form good habits through recreational activities. Eighty-eight Tiny Tot groups met at forty-one playgrounds in the forenoon during the regular school year. These children were served only once a week. Total number of children served was 71,905.

Miscellaneous Facilities and Activities

Silver Tree and Pine Lake Day Camps were operated Monday through Friday during the summer vacation, and provided a wholesome opportunity for outdoor living, with a carefully planned and supervised program of camping activities. Children seven through eleven years of age attended Silver Tree Camp, while boys and girls nine through thirteen years of age were offered a more concentrated camping program at Pine Lake.

Five special groups, Aid to Retarded Children, Child Care Centers, the Lighthouse for the Blind, and Neglected and Orphaned Children, were oriented and integrated into the regular program.

Many of our facilities, located in different areas of the city, were used by various youth-serving agencies conducting their own day camping programs. Some special groups served were: The Recreation Center for the Handicapped, which conducted a day camp at the Fleishhacker Camping Area; the Lighthouse for the Blind which used Horsemen's Retreat every Saturday during the summer vacation, and the Aid to Retarded Children, which had camping sites at both Speedway Meadows and Del Nueva Dell in Golden Gate Park while the League for the Handicapped used the Sharon Building in Golden Gate Park.

The three overnight camping areas in Golden Gate Park and the one in the Pine Lake area served both in and out-of-town groups. The latter groups came from various states throughout the United States. 168 groups of campers were served, with size of groups ranging from 20 to 200 per group.

705 organized groups (ranging from 25 to 3,500) used our various picnic areas. Many other groups, who were not aware that reservations were necessary, also used the areas unauthorized.

Requests for reservations to use many of the department's facilities were very heavy this year. Sigmund Stern Grove and the Wawona Clubhouse were both very popular for socials and meetings of non-profit organizations. Sigmund Stern Grove also was the setting for the very popular and

widely acclaimed annual Summer Music Concerts which were offered free to the public.

Anglers Lodge was used for meetings by the Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club, the Sheriff Air Squadron Patrol, and the San Francisco Mounted Patrol. The flycasting pools at this location were heavily used.

The Model Yacht Clubhouse which is the center for motorized and sailboat construction and operation was used intensively, especially on week-ends. Spreckels Lake, immediately adjacent to the clubhouse, afforded the necessary water facilities for the ever popular model marine operations.

Bercut Equitation Field, in Golden Gate Park, was used by twenty-six various equestrian groups for their annual horse shows. The nearby log circles and barbecue facilities were available to one hundred seventy-five organized picnic groups and were in constant use.

Model airplane flying enthusiasts were serviced at an improved area in the Crocker-Amazon Playground.

The department operated two dog training areas, one located in Golden Gate Park where free obedience classes were held each Saturday by dog training clubs. This area was also available to individuals, as well as groups for training, and for twenty-eight dog shows. The other dog training area, located in the parking lot of the West Sunset Playground, was used in the evening for the same purpose by adults.

DIVISION OF SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS

It is estimated that the Zoological Gardens were visited by over two and a half million people this last fiscal year. In spite of these larger crowds, the Zoo is still considered one of the cleanest in the entire country.

An intense safety program has been carried out with the staff to further protect the public and employees. Drills have been held to train all keepers to move as a team in the event of animal-escapes and other emergencies. Safety meetings are held in which the employees point out any defects in regard to safety and these are rectified as soon as possible. All the Safety Meetings are carried out with the help of the San Francisco Safety Council and the cooperation of the Park Division.

The entire herd of Bison in Golden Gate Park has been checked and inoculated by the zoo Veterinarian, with the help of the Zoo staff. This difficult and dangerous work was completed without trouble. The Veterinarian also operated on the Zebras, Elands, Yaks and obtained a difficult x-ray of the leg of a large male Giraffe.

The last of the old bird cages at the zoo entrance have been removed by the Park Division and the area attractively landscaped. The old duck pond near this same area has been renovated by the Park Division. This pool is now being used for Penguins and was painted with the financial help of the Zoological Society. The materials for the building of four new bird cages in the older section of the zoo was also donated by the Zoological Society.

The Flamingo Lake has been drained and completely redesigned and is a tremendous improvement. The lake is now being fenced to allow a greater variety of bird and animal species to be exhibited therein. This entire project was handled by the Park Division. The area behind the lake is now open to the public for the first time by a new road and three new animal areas are nearing completion. This area will add a great deal of beauty to the zoo and offer greater use of zoo land than before.

Also, new Catching Pens have been installed in the corrals in which animals are kept, thus preventing injury to keepers. This has been a great help.

New corrals are now established below the South Gate of the zoo and face the Lion Grottos. Cape Hunting Dogs, Cheetahs, Yaks, Camels and the rare Saiga Antelope have been placed here and this has greatly helped the appearance of the zoo in this area. This location is now being extended further by a new road and new paddocks being built behind the Giraffe Barn, thus opening another section for the public's use.

With the financial help of the Zoological Society, the Head Keeper was sent to the San Diego Zoo to exchange our male Koala for breeding purposes and also to study the latest zoo procedures and for the exchange of ideas.

The zoo has a new pick-up truck which is of great help in saving time and money in the operation of the zoo. Our zoo trucks travelled over twenty-eight thousand miles this year.

Six new barns have been built by the Park Division with the Zoological Society furnishing the funds and these barns are now in use in the various areas of the zoo for animal shelters and food storage.

Many compliments have been received on the splendid work being done by the gardeners in the zoo. The large Aviary has been replanted with trees and shrubs and is a great improvement. Acacia has been planted near the Service Yard to improve the area and also to provide food for some of hooved stock.

In May over seven hundred people attended a Night Tour given by the Zoological Society. This was a great success and helped a great deal in furthering interest in the zoo. Several of the keepers donated their time to help with this tour.

DIVISION OF PARKS

An extremely favorable winter season during the year 1962-63 permitted an extensive rehabilitation program in addition to the usual maintenance program carried on by the Park Division. The following general information presents some of the highlights of the park maintenance and development program.

Large Parks

In the Panhandle between Central Avenue and Masonic Avenue, 46,000 sq.ft. of old pavement was replaced with lawn.

A Floral Clock presented to the department by the Swiss Watchmakers was installed in front of the Conservatory and involved the moving of 80 cu. yards of loam, sodding and planting of the area. Over 12,000 plants were used to create the floral background. Thirty-four floral designs were installed in Conservatory Valley, using 272,000 plants.

The spring floral display in the large beds in Conservatory Valley consisted of 28,000 Dutch Iris bulbs and 34,000 annuals and was an unusual success. The summer planting contained 24,000 annuals.

In the Conservatory the eight main shows were staged, using 8,600 potted plants. Minor exhibits consisted of 11 species and 2,415 plants. Forty eight new species were added to the permanent collection.

Grayline Tours alone took 44,190 tourists through the Conservatory, and innumerable school groups used the facility. Several conducted tours were given the school and garden club groups.

Palms used for civic functions totalled 322 units.

The Big Recreation Baseball area used 4,500 sq.ft. of new sod, 3,000 sq.ft. of borders were redone. Planting of the area behind the Planetarium totalled 18,900 sq.ft.

In the Band Concourse Area, extensive redevelopment was completed in conformance with the master plan for rehabilitation. Slopes were extended, large horseshoe hedged area was removed and put into lawn. A total of 80,750 sq.ft. of new lawn resulted, greatly enhancing the landscape. Summer and fall plantings in this section used 42,000 annuals, and 24,700 sq.ft. of assorted ground covers were planted.

The Tea Garden fences were reconstructed of eucalyptus posts and bamboo rails - a total of 550 feet.

Behind the Tea Garden along Main Drive 30,000 sq.ft. were cleared of old shrubs and blackberries. The area was graded, loamed, manured and planted to lawn.

The extremely successful Rose Garden required the removal of 15 dozen roses that were not fully up to standard. These were replaced with 15 dozen new varieties contributed by various rose growers.

Replanting along South Drive covered 11,556 sq.ft. of borders in which annuals, perennials and shrubs were used. This drive has become a very colorful and popular section of Golden Gate Park.

Rehabilitation of the football field in the Golden Gate Park Stadium required the preparing and planting of 35,000 sq. ft. of lawn.

Many small areas throughout the park were overhauled to a total of 50,000 sq.ft. in the Spreckles Lake and Lloyd Lake areas.

The North Mill area, now designated the Queen Wilhelmina Gardens, was relandscaped using 456 trees and shrubs. Beds were laid out, prepared and planted with 5,000 fine tulip bulbs, the gift of the Associated Bulb Growers of Holland.

Over 8,450 sq.ft. of Mesembrianthemum Edule was planted to anchor the sand in the west end area.

Number one pitch of the Chalet Soccer Field was rehabilitated, over 21,000 sq.ft. of sod being replaced.

Along Great Highway 71,000 square feet of Mesembrianthemum was used in an effort to control the blowing sand.

Seventy-five truck loads of Mesembrianthemum were cut and delivered to various sections of the park.

The thinning of shrub groups along Park Presidio Boulevard was continued from Fulton St. to Anza. Cleared areas were prepared and planted to lawn - a total of 18,800 sq.ft.

Extensive improvements were made to the Fleishhacker Zoological Gardens. At the Bathhouse Section an area of about 306 sq.ft. along the front and two ends was planted to perennials.

The grass strip at the south end of the pool was replanted in lawn. An area of about 4,500 sq.ft. on both the east and west sides of the pool was resown; also specimen trees were planted along the fence surrounding the pool.

In the Pony Meadow south of the pony concession the lawn was increased by about 12,761 sq.ft., while on the path west of the Train Depot 531 sq.ft. of lawn was put in; also landscaping with shrubs and perennials was done, and at the Merry-go-round, 930 ft. of the 1332 sq.ft. of area were put in lawn. The rest of the area was put in perennials.

The old picnic area in the playfield was moved to a new location of about 5,670 sq.ft. This area was brushed out, plumbing relocated, area graded, covered with chips and tables put on it.

Considerable improvement was made in the playfield by removing paved areas which were planted to lawn and trees. Three beds of perennials and shrubs consisting of about 1,232 sq.ft. were put in. Ten large trees were balled at Sharp Park and brought to this area.

At the Mother's Building (north side) an area of about 5,625 sq.ft., about 775 sq.ft. of this was sown in lawn and the rest planted to shrubbery.

The main entrance at Sloat - east path to the Zoo was greatly improved - an area of about 5,040 sq.ft. About 3,275 sq.ft. of this was prepared for lawn and the lawn sowed; the rest of the area was put in chips for a picnic area.

The banks of Flamingo Lake were relandscaped involving an area of about 12,300 sq.ft. About 990 sq.ft. of this was put into lawn, and a hedge west of the lake was established along the proposed fence line involving an area of 1,008 sq.ft.

Four large planter boxes between the cages of the Mynah birds were cleaned out and replanted to shrubs and perennials. About 600 sq.ft.

The inside of the Aviary building was relandscaped with trees, shrubs and perennials - about 1800 sq.ft.

Around Monkey Island - perennials were established - 456 square feet.

Just east of the Buffalo Paddock, an unimproved section was planted in lawn - 1170 sq.ft.

Upon the removal of old bird cages at the main entrance to the old Zoo, three large cypress trees were brought from Sharp Park and were placed here, and a small annual bed laid out - 1200 sq.ft.

In the newly developed area for the camels and Saiga antelope, shrubbery and perennials were established - an area around 3,840 sq.ft.

The South Gate Entrance was beautified with removal of 720 sq.ft. of lawn and additional pelargoniums established.

Also at the South Gate, an area of about 4,320 sq.ft.-about 3,000 sq.ft. of this went into lawn and the rest into shrubbery.

Landscape improvements were made along the exterior fence of the Sloat-Skyline connection - an area of about 1,940 sq.ft. planted in trees and shrubs.

Along Skyline Blvd. (by tunnel to the lower parking lot) a windbreak of shrubs was established involving about 940 sq.ft.

The Sports Center area on Lake Merced was greatly improved by adding 1,350 sq.ft. of Mesembrianthemum floribundum and 600 sq.ft. with Mesembrianthemum edule.

The fishing bank on North Lake was graded and landscaped with 4,950 sq.ft. planted to shrubs and trees and 900 sq.ft. planted to Kikuyu stolons.

The area in front of the Sports Center was replanted to 6,000 sq.ft. of lawn.

Recreational Units, Small Parks and Squares

During the fiscal year 1962-63 many projects were completed in addition to the usual maintenance program.

The long planned rehabilitation program which was started at Buena Vista approximately four years ago was continued throughout the year. Another section of densely overgrown area consisting of noxious weed growth and undesirable overgrown shrubbery was relandscaped. This program progressed up and as far around Buena Vista Ave. as Haight Street and the parking area. Continuation of the program towards the completion will be followed through late in the fall of 1963. Hundreds of shrubs, perennials and annuals have replaced the cleared area, greatly improving the site. At this time the construction for the replacement of the sidewalk around the perimeter area is taking place, and should be completed shortly.

At Stern Grove the usual arrangements were made for the preparation for Photography Day, Carnival, and the concerts which took place throughout the season. Personnel to complete this work was gathered from various units in areas surrounding Sigmund Stern Grove. These men were used to place and remove benches as required, also to perform the general cleanup after the programs. Numerous decorations were provided for the stage settings and also table decorations were provided. In the Pine Lake area a concerted cleanup was made of the slopes, and many trees were planted. In the vicinity of the 33rd Ave. and Wawona St. entrance to Pine Lake and paralleling Wawona Street the area was regraded and landscaped. The landscaping included the turfing and the planting of many trees in variety. This was a great improvement in the neighborhood and was so recognized by those involved in the request for the improvement of the site.

The entire acreage at Sunset Heights was worked over. Considerable forestry was accomplished, and in addition the upper turf area was regraded and reseeded. Along the north side of the grounds hundreds of yards of loam were hauled and applied. Upon the completion of the grading, the area was

prepared and sown with grass seed. It is now a green meadow, and is greatly appreciated and used by the neighborhood. Yet to be completed is the top area or vista site.

The soccer field and all baseball diamonds at Balboa Park were rehabilitated. Thousands of square feet of sod were cut, hauled and applied - the areas within top dressed and fertilized. Opposite the swimming pool adjacent to the building, a group of trees which had been planted several years ago were destroyed by vandals and had to be replaced.

Continuation of the landscape rehabilitation program at Crocker Amazon which was started a few years ago was again programmed. Many of the overgrown areas were thinned out, regraded and replanted with grass. All of the perimeter lawn borders adjacent to the curb were also regraded and reseeded. Numerous trees, shrubs and ground cover were planted throughout the grounds, and in addition all baseball diamonds and the soccer field were rehabilitated.

The flower beds laid out this year at the Civic Center yielded a beautiful display of color. The second annual Rhododendron Show with additional specimen boxed plant material displayed a beautiful array of color, and it was greatly appreciated and admired by the general public. This show enhanced the overall appearance of the entire center. The general maintenance involved the pruning of hundreds of trees which were also sprayed and retied. The landscaping around the Civic Center was improved by the removal of diseased and overgrown shrubs, and was replanted with ivy and annuals.

To further the beautification of the landscaping around City Hall, at the suggestion of the Superintendent of Parks many more sycamore trees were planted on the lawn area parallel to the sidewalk. Additional trees now on hand in the nursery will be planted late in the year to complete the program.

The landscaping around the Main Library was redeveloped, and here also sycamore trees were planted within the lawn areas. Ornamental plantings containing Hollywood juniper were placed at the entrance of the Main Library.

Additional hundreds of trees and shrubs in variety were planted throughout the Coit Tower area, and to the right and left of the main stairway leading to the tower, annuals were again planted to beautify the entrance-way.

At the Union Square the usual floral display of annuals and bulbs in variety resulted in a beautiful show of color. This plus the annual rhododendron show with additional boxed specimen rhododendrons brightened up the area for local and tourist attraction. On the Powell Street side of the plaza, sections of hedge material and turf were removed to provide for the construction of the concrete stage. Temporary landscaping with hedge material has been done, but at a later

date the possibility of funds being available for the purchase of planter boxes and specimen plant material should be provided for.

The usual display of annuals and ornamental shrub plantings enhanced the general appearance of the Hall of Justice area.

At Mount Davidson Easter preparations were completed and the work involved the usual forestry and trail clearing. The period of time worked was approximately two weeks, and the workmen provided for this activity were drawn from various grounds on a part-time basis.

At Camp Mather spring and fall work programs consisted of the preparation of the cabins, dining room and other buildings - cleaning, scrubbing and gym sealing. Also the usual grounds work was completed. The forestry program started some years ago involved the clearing of diseased and dying trees and the spraying of underbrush for any infestation that might breed and spread throughout the area. It was necessary this year to remove several large trees that were killed as a result of beetles. These trees involved the pines and a few fir trees. The lake area and baseball field were groomed as required, and the lake itself was sprayed for aquatic weed control.

Rehabilitation of the wornout areas of the field at Kezar Stadium was done, and the work involved resodding and reseeding. Also additional kikuyu plugs were planted. The field was twice aerated and top dressed. It is now prepared for the opening of the football season. Preparations for the track and field events were provided for. A weekly or semi-weekly rolling of the track was done this year.

Designing and landscaping of the improved area at Aquatic Park adjacent to the newly constructed bocci courts was completed, the area being mainly in turf with a few ornamental tree plantings. Within the bocci court section the old and dilapidated shed was removed, a new one constructed. An additional court was provided, and landscaping completed. The sunbathers sand area was regraded and replenished with clean sand.

The entire slope area surrounding the grounds at Huntington Square was resodded.

The perimeter area at Visitacion was cleared of overgrown and diseased shrubbery and replanted in grass.

At Midtown Terrace the slope areas on newly acquired property around the reservoir was cleared of underbrush and other debris, and on the south side of the grounds the small borders adjacent to the sidewalk was improved by adding redwood bulkhead to the existing chain link fence and then back-filling with sand and soil and planting the section with Mesembrianthemum.

The overgrown trees and shrubs at St. Mary's Playground, parallel to the sidewalk, were removed and the area relandscaped with a limited shrubbery and grass.

The straightaway track at Jackson Playground was regraded and an application of approximately 4" of clay and granite material replaced. This was then finished, graded and rolled and made available for playground and high school use.

Loam was applied to the areas at Hamilton Playground that are to be rehabilitated later in the fall. The future playground site opposite the present playground was cleared of debris.

The central fire alarm station (Hayward and Jefferson) area is being prepared for relandscaping upon the completion of building and tower work.

The usual plantings of annuals and bulbs were provided for the beautification and general appearance of the Fire Chief's residence.

At Yacht Harbor and Aquatic Park Beaches it was necessary to remove hundreds of yards of sand that had piled up against the seawall.

Work crews were assigned to clean up the entire McLaren Park area of debris, consisting of garbage, etc. Cooperation from the Fire Department was received in the burning of the old piles of lumber that were heaped by department tractor. Fire trails were prepared throughout the park for fire preventive purposes.

At various units, numerous plantings were made with trees and shrubs in many areas where relandscaping was required or where it was necessary to enhance or improve the general appearance.

A concerted effort was made by supervisory personnel to see that the maintenance people kept their units in a clean, sanitary and orderly condition. Particular stress was made upon the janitorial staff regarding buildings.

All baseball diamonds were completely overhauled. This necessitated the moving and hauling of hundreds of cubic yards of soil, and the cutting, loading and unloading and placing of thousands of square feet of sod at:

Glen Park	St. Mary's
Sunset	Funston
West Sunset	Margaret Hayward Boys & Girls
South Sunset	Balboa
Portola	Cayuga
Silver Terrace	Crocker Amazon

It was endeavored to continue 2-4-D program for the control of noxious weeds throughout the entire system, but as usual shortage of transportation was the problem, and the result was that only a portion of the grounds could be cared for. Practically all of our areas were aerated and fertilized with commercial fertilizer. Some grounds did receive filter cake when available.

Considerable ground work was accomplished within the canyon of Glen Park and in the vicinity of the Silver Tree Camp. Also the usual preparations were made for the opening of the camp season.

In limited quantities some grounds received bark to replenish the apparatus areas. All sand boxes were supplemented with sand or refilled entirely.

Planting materials used on the various areas involved thousands of annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs and ground cover.

The Workreation youths performed a great service in furthering the care and maintenance of our areas. Their accomplishments involved the clearing, weeding, planting and cleanup that our own staff could not have done at this time of the year due to the shortage of help and the time involved in addition to the general maintenance of their own assignments.

Structural Maintenance and Allied Work

In the normal course of operation all sanitary and irrigation facilities in the department's buildings and installations were maintained. Some of the major plumbing jobs performed were at the golf courses and swimming pools and the extension of the water system at Balboa Park and Lafayette Square.

A difficult piece of work was done at Camp Mather, the winterizing of 3000 feet of the domestic water line in the mountain terrain in order to supply the Ranger Station with water all year. This required the trenching of a ditch 2 feet deep up a rough mountain side, dismantling the pipe and relaying it in the ditch. In many places due to the size of the granite boulders the line had to be insulated and covered. A gasoline driven pump and pumphouse was installed. Also the chlorinator was relocated for more efficient chlorination. At the swimming pool a filter system was installed incorporating positive chlorination of the facility.

The carpenters not only made repairs to various buildings but also set up carnival booths and other structures for the May Day Festival, Carnival, and the Stern Grove Concerts. Extensive repairs were made on the stage at the Grove, at Camp Mather and Silver Tree Camp. Exhibits were constructed and installed at the San Mateo County Fair. Tool racks were constructed and installed in all tool rooms.

The painters kept all the convenience stations clean as well as painting the interior and exterior of various buildings. At Camp Mather the bathhouses, the swimming pool and the porches of the cabins were painted. The exhibits at Storyland were repainted. Furniture, benches, traffic lines and court lines were refinished.

The plasterer performed all the necessary work to maintain the buildings as well as casting bench legs.

The cement finisher at Mather, repaired the swimming pool, installed seven ping pong platforms, a new badminton court, new steps, a loading platform, and a rack and platform for L.P. gas tanks.

Fences at all installations were kept in repair. The fencemen also installed and removed section fences at Kezar Stadium as well as making new sump covers, bench legs, cages for the Zoo and repairing the float at both Lake Merced and Yacht Harbor.

The Play Apparatus Section maintained the apparatus and miscellaneous equipment in all the playgrounds, and also the equipment at Storyland.

The Sheet Metal Section performed all duties that required sheet metal repairs, as repair to Zoo cages, steel sash, gutter and screens for windows.

The Roads and Paths Division, consisting of chauffeurs, laborers and operating engineers, Universal, performed in part the following:

Maintained paths in all properties, Sunnydale road for most of the year, graded areas for bocci ball courts at Aquatic Park, filled in sunken ground at the Nursery, for the planting area, assisted on reconstruction of greens at McLaren Golf Course, and the improvement of fishing banks at Lake Merced, they also hauled rhododendrons to Civic Center and Union Square

The Operating Engineers maintained and operated the heating and ventilating systems, the filtering and water treating and various pumping systems of the 9 indoor and outdoor swimming pools in the city. They operated and maintained 4 pumping stations, namely, the South Mill, North Mill, Water Works and Fleishhacker, consisting of well pumps, booster pumps and related equipment for irrigation of Golden Gate Park and Lincoln and Harding golf courses as well as the automatic irrigation sprinkler systems for golf courses, parks and playgrounds.

The laundry in the H.F. Bathhouse as well as its heating, ventilating and pumping equipment and various heating systems and refrigeration in the S.F. Zoo buildings and the Zoo sewage pumping plant were operated and maintained.

Also maintained was the heating, ventilating and various pumping systems in 12 large and 40 small recreational units, as well as the equipment for refrigeration, water pumping, treating, heating, filtering and sewage disposal at Camp Mather, where one engineer is stationed during its operating season.

The following units were added to this division's care during the past twelve months: New heating system for upper floor of the H.F. Bathhouse, complete system in the Yerba Buena Senior Center, new fountain at the Strybing Arboretum.

Outside assistance this year was needed for the following major projects: replacement of the large ditch pump at Mori's Point with a new one of larger capacity; overhaul of the two pumps and motors at the San Andreas water pumping plant; renewal of discharge lines check valves at Zoo sewage pumping plant; replacement of the obsolete refrigeration system in Zoo kitchen; repair of corroded boiler shell at St. Mary's Rec. Center; renewal of leaky boiler tubes at Kezar Pavilion and North Beach Pool; replacement of obsolete refrigeration system at Camp Mather.

The Water Reclamation Plant in Golden Gate Park operated for a period of 45 weeks during the fiscal year. It produced water for irrigation purposes as well as water for the ornamental lakes in the park.

The annual maintenance period commenced on December 3, 1962 and continued through until January 21, 1963. As in previous years all mechanical and structural equipment was thoroughly inspected, serviced, and repaired where necessary. The major repairs were as follows: replaced sprockets, flight, and drive chains in the final sedimentation tank; rebuild the impeller on the 4" plant booster pump; cut an access door through the back on the blower room to gain a passage way to #5 blower unit.

The method of purchasing chlorine gas was changed. We are now purchasing this item through the Richmond-Sunset Sewage Treatment Plant of the Dept. of Public Works. This new method saves the department over \$400.00 per year. In order to standardize procedures among plant and relief personnel, an Operating Manual was prepared and issued for the Water Reclamation Plant.

The plant produced 230 million gallons of water for the past fiscal year. 180 million gallons were pumped to the irrigation system by the Elk Glen Lake pumps, and 50 million gallons were delivered to Metson, Mallard, and the Chain of Lakes by gravity.

On July 24, 1962 at 3:50 p.m. Huntington Falls on Strawberry Hill started to collapse. By 5:00 p.m. it was gone. Not only was this structure for the beautification of the park but it was also an important adjunct to the irrigation system as it carried the overflow from the Strawberry Hill reservoir to Stow Lake. Needless to say the irrigation system suffered greatly from its loss. An emergency was declared in September 1962, for the installation of an overflow from Strawberry Hill reservoir to Stow Lake. Work was started late in June 1963, and has not been completed to date.

We are pleased to report that the Laboratory was awarded a Certificate of Approval for the Bacteriological Examination of Water by the State of California Dept. of Public Health. It is now contemplated to apply for an additional certificate for the chemical analysis of water later this year.

The following is a brief summary of accomplishments of the laboratory: Attended in-service training school at the S.F. Fire Department for Radiological Surveys and use of Instruments; Gnat control research; set up new drinking water clorination system for Camp Mather after failure of old system. Ran bacteriological checks; supervised the gnat control program at Lake Merced. The lake is being treated approximately every 20 days; investigated a new insecticide for cockroach control. It has been tried in our pools and shows excellent results; investigated the hazards of using organic phosphate insecticides and issued a report.

Golf Courses

In preparation for the Lucky International Tournament and the Roos Atkins Tournament, the Harding course was fertilized with 10 tons of chemical fertilizer. Eight miles of stakes and rope were placed for the control of the gallery. Also in preparation for the tournaments the 14th tee was reconstructed the length of the fairway and considerable work done on all the greens. A 30,000 sq.ft. sod nursery was developed for the growing of bent and fairway grasses. Considerable forestry was accomplished in the trimming of the trees on the fairways, and the planting of young trees. The course is under a necessary reconstruction program due to the new State freeway which traverses the property. Two greens and two tees were relocated, enabling the department to keep all 18 holes in play during the construction work. Three test plots of grasses were installed to determine the best variety to specify in the new contract.

Lincoln Golf Course hosted the Call-Bulletin Junior Golf Tournament, along with the Examiner Hole in One Tournament. The Golden Gate 9 hole course hosted the Fathers and Sons Tournament, and the adjacent area of sand dunes was covered with 50,000 cu. yards of material for future development.

Many improvements have been made at the McLaren 9-hole Course in an endeavor to entice more play on this facility. Three greens were regraded, four new tees were constructed, the practice green was relocated, and a driving cage constructed. In order to protect the greens and tees from abuse, white lines were established around these areas and signs installed to instruct the golfers to keep their golf carts and electric carts off of these areas. In co-operation with the various golf clubs and interested citizens a program of education is being adopted to instruct golfers in golf course etiquette and to observe the rules of the courses

In the general maintenance program 300 trees, 4,000 annuals and many shrubs were planted on the golf course properties, not only in the replacement program of older trees, but also to improve the general landscape appearance of the courses.

Nurseries

Activities of the nurseries have been routine this year. We continue to improve the quality of our stock with the use of better technique. The quantities of material delivered remain about the same as the last few years. The services provided by the nursery staff to other department units have increased with the inclusion of Sigmund Stern Grove stage arrangements and preparation of soil mixtures for specific uses.

The Balboa Nursery was demolished for the Southern Freeway, leaving the activities of this nursery producing in a limited fashion at McLaren Park, pending construction of suitable facilities at Golden Gate Park.

Materials Delivered

Trees	2,301
Shrubs	14,929
Bedding Plants	364,560
Perennials, Vines & Ground Covers	49,270
Decorative Potted Plants	361
Cut Flowers (bundles)	3,463

Strybing Arboretum

In September 1962, construction of the first phase of the Master Plan was begun, and on March 30, 1963, a dedication was held to mark the completion of this development. The area involved is approximately ten acres in extent and, prior to the present landscaping, was a rough meadow with few plants of value. With the completion of the major roads, lawns, and grades our staff is now proceeding with the planting of botanical and horticultural specimens according to the terms of the Strybing Bequest. This section provides the Arboretum with a new main entrance on South Drive adjacent to the Hall of Flowers.

Much of our progress in 1962-63 has been due to the efforts of the Strybing Arboretum Society under the leadership of their president, Mrs. Cabot Brown. Their most important contribution has been the sponsorship of an In-Service Training Program for grade school teachers of the San Francisco Unified School System. The program was conducted within the Arboretum and consisted of fifteen weekly, two hour lectures. Because of our staff limitations, only twenty-five teachers were allowed to participate. The purpose of the program was to assist teachers in the presentation of nature study classes to pupils at the grade school level. Through this program, over one thousand children were given instruction in the Arboretum last spring and the projects which they submitted to their teachers demonstrated how an arboretum can vitalize the science, social studies, and language arts curriculum. The San Francisco School System has requested that we continue the program until all the grade school teachers have a chance to participate.

Ten members of the Arboretum Society attended the In-Service Training Program for training to become familiar with the purposes and functions of the Arboretum. These volunteer guides have conducted 37 groups totaling 965 persons through the Arboretum during the spring of 1963.

The Strybing Arboretum Society has sponsored the publication of a quarterly brochure called "Notes from Strybing Arboretum" which is mailed to members of the Society and to 41 botanical gardens throughout the world. This is written by the staff and contains news and accounts of rare and unusual plants in the Arboretum. A booklet on the Redwood Trail has been published and is now being used as a text by the teachers and guides who are engaged in various programs of education for school children and the visiting public.

The California Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society has set aside a sum of \$1,000.00 for the purchase of rhododendron species to supplement the present collection within the arboretum. Cuttings of rare and unusual species have been obtained from the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh and Kew, also from the Royal Horticultural Society's Gardens in Wisley, England. We now have on hand a total of two hundred and thirty-three rhododendron species in various stages of growth, and planting has begun around the lake near Heidelberg Hill.

During the past year 592 new accessions of seeds, plants and cuttings have been received from botanical gardens and growers in many parts of the world. In addition, over 1200 lily bulbs were given to the Arboretum by Jan de Graaf for display in the gardens. The Strybing Arboretum has reciprocated by distributing over 600 plants of *Arctostaphylos* species to the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont, California, the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Santa Barbara, California, The University of California Botanic Garden, Berkeley, California,

and the University of Washington Arboretum, Seattle, Washington. Many of these represented a hybrid race from the San Bruno Hills, San Mateo, California, that have never before been propagated for distribution. Seeds and cuttings of other rare plants have been sent to various gardens in the British Isles. Numerous displays of rare plant material have been provided to garden clubs and horticultural institutions throughout the San Francisco Bay Region.

Hall of Flowers

The following statistics indicate attendance and revenue for the period 1962-63, and the figures for 1961-62 are included for comparison:

	<u>1962-63</u>	<u>1961-62</u>
Garden Club Activities Attendance ....	. 39,282	74,569
Miscellaneous Civic & Cultural Attendance..	80,620	32,173
<u>TOTAL ATTENDANCE</u>	119,902	106,742
<u>RENTAL RECEIPTS</u>	\$14,775.00	\$13,055.00

DIVISION OF BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION

COMPARISON OF REVENUES ESTIMATED IN 1962-63 BUDGET
WITH REVENUES COLLECTED

	Budget Estimate	Receipts Collected	Difference
Coit Memorial Tower	\$ 34,000	\$ 32,237	\$- 1,763
Harding Park Golf Course	180,000	234,407	54,407
Lincoln Park Golf Course	95,000	100,079	5,079
Sharp Park Golf Course	125,000	145,064	20,064
Golden Gate Park Golf Course	68,000	72,041	4,041
McLaren Park Golf Course	42,000	37,382	- 4,618
Balboa Stadium Rent	3,000	4,484	1,484
Golden Gate Park Stadium Rent	200	170	-
Kezar Pavilion Rent	15,000	18,935	3,935
Kezar Stadium Rent	140,000	122,340	-17,660
Fleishhacker Bathhouse	9,000	5,366	- 3,634
Children's Quarters-Rides	11,000	11,184	184
Tennis Fees)	3,000)	6,028	3,028)
Tennis Pro Shop)		1,345	1,345)
Sharp Park Municipal Rifle Range	4,000	4,536	536
Swimming Facilities	67,000	62,504	- 4,496
St. Mary's Square Garage Rental	16,800	18,197	1,397
Yacht Harbor Mooring Fees	40,000	45,365	5,365
Union Square	180,000	179,222	-
Lake Merced Fishing Permits	6,700	8,779	2,079
G. G. Park Riding Concession	1,000	1,070	70
Aquatic Park Concessions	9,500	8,999	- 501
Stow Lake Concessions	14,000	16,328	2,328
Miscellaneous Concessions)		18,638)	
Lake Merced Center Rentals)		1,783)	
Lake Merced Concessions)	33,600	10,761)	- 2,418
Photography Center	6,000	10,209	4,209
Zoo Cafe Concessions	23,000	27,785	4,785
Children's Quarters-Food	48,000	54,583	6,583
Harding Park Cafe	9,000	11,709	2,709
Lincoln Park Cafe	2,600	3,018	418
McLaren Park Cafe	1,800	1,800	-
Sharp Park Cafe	6,000	7,103	1,103
Kezar Concessions	65,000	78,431	-13,431
Japanese Tea Garden	19,000	20,448	1,448
Yacht Harbor Rentals	4,500	3,234	- 1,266
Bayview Park Dock Fees	1,200	512	688
Beach Chalet, Marine Exch., Misc.	2,000	4,986	2,986
Other Miscl. Property Damage,etc.	7,000	14,898	7,898
(Candlestick)			
Camp Mather	103,717	119,091	15,374
Storyland Admissions)		24,431)	
Storyland Concessions)	40,193	1,070)	-14,692
Total Recreation & Park Revenue	\$1,436,810	1,550,552	113,742

COMPARISON OF EXPENDITURES FOR ALL APPROPRIATIONS
OTHER THAN THOSE FOR PERSONAL SERVICES, WITH ORIGINAL
BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1962-1963

<u>General Division</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Contractual Services	\$ 86,800	\$ 83,328	\$ - 3,472	
Allowance for Use of Employees Cars	10,425	10,425		-
Maintenance & Repair-Bldgs.	85,925	68,440	- 17,485	
Maintenance & Repair- Structures	16,750	14,016	2,734	
Reconstruction & Replacement	230,400	150,406	- 79,994	
Materials & Supplies	303,148	293,966	- 9,182	
Materials & Supplies-Resale	900	892	- 8	
Foodstuffs	36,771	31,178	- 5,593	
Equipment	71,500	65,727	- 5,773	
Fixed Charges	<u>30,232</u>	<u>16,873</u>	<u>- 13,359</u>	
Total General Division	\$ 872,851	\$ 735,251	\$ -137,600	
	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>

<u>Camp Mather</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Contractual Services	\$ 14,914	\$ 14,775	\$ - 139	
Materials & Supplies	7,620	7,431	- 189	
Foodstuffs	35,800	34,557	-1,243	
Equipment	825	875	50	
Taxes - Real Estate	<u>1,150</u>	<u>1,127</u>	<u>- 23</u>	
Total Camp Mather	\$ 60,309	\$ 58,765	\$ -1,544	
	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>	<u><u> </u></u>

<u>Storyland</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Heat, Light & Power	\$ 600	\$ 600	\$ -	
Maintenance & Repair- Structures	6,500	6,060	- 440	
Materials & Supplies	<u>2,000</u>	<u>1,686</u>	<u>- 314</u>	
Total Storyland	\$ 9,100	\$ 8,346	\$ - 754	
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JAMES P. LANG
GENERAL MANAGER

September 4, 1964

*The Honorable John F. Shelley
Mayor of San Francisco
City Hall
San Francisco, California*

Dear Mayor Shelley:

In conformity with Section 25 of the Charter it is a pleasure to transmit to you the Annual Report of the Recreation and Park Department covering the fiscal year 1963-1964.

It is hoped that you will find the various Division reports both interesting and helpful.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

James P. Lang

*James P. Lang
General Manager*

RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION

	<u>Appointment Date</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Haas, Walter A., President	June 27, 1962	June 27, 1966
Bercut, Peter	June 27, 1962	June 27, 1966
Coffman, William M., Vice President	June 27, 1962	June 27, 1966
Conway, John F., Jr.	June 27, 1961	June 27, 1965
Dominguez, Mrs. Carmen J.	July 7, 1964	June 27, 1968
Haldeman, Mrs. Keene O.	July 7, 1964	June 27, 1968
Herz, Dr. Francis	June 27, 1961	June 27, 1965
Mary B. Connolly, Secretary-Appointed	April 5, 1962	

RECREATION AND PARK STAFF

	<u>Appointed</u>
James P. Lang, General Manager 3140 (Non Civil Service)	January 2, 1964
Edward A. McDevitt, Recreation Superintendent 3294 (Non Civil Service)	January 2, 1964
Francis O. Foehr, Parks Superintendent 3350 (Non Civil Service)	March 4, 1964
Carey M. Baldwin, Zoo Director 3340 (Non Civil Service)	August 11, 1941
Percy H. Brydon, Arboretum Director 3130 (Non Civil Service)	June 6, 1960
John S. McDonald, Business Manager 3104 (Civil Service)	June 16, 1960

PREFACE

To some, annual reports often make for dull reading.

Of necessity, they include detailed accounts of departmental activities, a variety of facts and a multitude of figures.

But when you translate these factors into terms of human beings---men and women, boys and girls---enjoying what the Recreation and Park Department has been able to offer them in the past fiscal year, it's anything but dull.

The variety of the activities seems, in retrospect, as breath-taking as the public participation in and enjoyment of them, has been.

The numbers of active participants are in many cases enumerated, and they're impressive by any yardstick. There's no exact record of the additional tens of thousands who enjoyed them as spectators, but it's conservative to say that, too, has been breath-taking.

In presenting this review of what was accomplished during 1963-64, it seems fitting to remark that in this fiscal year also the final outlines were taking shape for a bond issue program to be presented to the voters in November of 1964.

If they approve it---and they have treated us generously in the past---they will be assuring San Francisco valuable new gems to be added to her priceless mosaic of parks and open areas, playgrounds and recreation centers, and other facilities for the enjoyment of this and future generations.

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RECAPITULATION
CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS COMPLETED 1963-64

<u>Number of Projects</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Total</u>
22	\$ 326,596	\$ 326,596
Total 22	\$ 326,596	\$ 326,596
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A T T E N D A N C EPlaygrounds

<u>Name of Unit</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Name of Unit</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Alta Plaza Square	24,696	Lee, Joseph	81,329
Aptos	48,067	Levi Strauss	13,740
Argonne	36,394	McCoppin Square	31,207
Balboa	81,841	Merced Heights	47,905
Bay View	27,809	Midtown	38,724
Bernal	43,733	Miraloma	43,058
Big Rec	202,071	Mission Dolores Park	80,210
Cabrillo	44,513	Michelangelo	6,738
Cayuga	27,986	Mission Playground	91,112
Chalmers, Alice	46,994	Mountain Lake	28,009
Chinese Center	130,853	Murphy, J. P.	34,286
Chinese Playground	91,077	Noe Courts	20,401
Cow Hollow	30,862	North Beach	261,997
Crocker-Amazon	149,695	Ocean View	130,714
Douglass	27,280	Parkside Square	40,835
Duboce	37,839	Peixotto, Sidney	21,294
Eureka Valley	137,634	Portola	136,788
Excelsior	53,978	Potrero Hill	94,368
Folsom	42,297	Presidio Heights	26,333
Fulton	39,998	Richmond	45,132
Funston	301,025	Rochambeau	42,008
Gilman	23,823	Rolph	161,922
Glen Park	87,377	Rossi	65,776
G. G. Park Tennis Courts	108,290	St. Mary's	95,479
Grattan	39,080	Silver Terrace	79,069
Hamilton	133,465	South Sunset	83,473
Hayes Valley	54,975	Stern Grove	94,021
Hayward Boys	43,152	Stern Grove Annex	17,378
Hayward Girls	86,171	Sunset	115,796
Jackson	54,286	Upper Noe	116,021
Junipero Serra	40,415	Visitacion Valley	36,783
Kahn, Julius	66,384	Wawona Greens	9,221
Lafayette	23,080	West Portal	21,130
Larsen Square	31,963	West Sunset	83,548
Laurel Hill	41,326	Wills, Helen	108,503
		Total	4,864,742

Housing Centers

<u>Name of Unit</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Hunters Point Gymnasium	98,215
Hunters Point Recreation Center	
Milton Meyer Building	64,584
Sunnydale	19,929
Valencia Gardens	20,589
Westside Courts	10,163
Yerba Buena Senior Center	37,136
Total	250,616

Aquatic Division

<u>Name of Unit</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Aquatic Park	2,880,458
Balboa Pool	156,517
Fleishhacker Pool	173,513
Garfield Pool	143,227
Hamilton Pool	74,312
Lake Merced	272,927
Larsen Pool	199,722
McLaren Pool	117,515
Mission Pool	43,242
North Beach Pool	123,157
Phelan Beach	399,281
Rossi Pool	<u>122,719</u>
Total	4,706,590

Miscellaneous Facilities and Activities

	<u>Attendance</u>
Carnival	8,096
Drama Center	9,483
May Day	3,030
Music Center	17,156
Photography Center	67,946
Pine Lake Camp	4,111
Randall, J. D. Junior Museum	91,880
Rifle Range, Sharp Park	10,234
Senior Citizens' Hobby Show	6,847
Silver Tree Day Camp	10,830
Midsummer Music Festival, Stern Grove	122,093
Storyland	119,281
Camp Mather	<u>23,434</u>
Total	494,421

Recapitulation

	<u>Attendance</u>
Playgrounds	4,864,742
Housing Centers	250,616
Aquatics	<u>4,706,590</u>
Miscellaneous Facilities and Activities	<u>494,421</u>
Grand Total	10,316,369

DIVISION OF RECREATION

In the fiscal year just ended, new horizons have opened up for divisions of the Recreation and Park Department serving both San Franciscans and visitors of all ages. The staffs of these divisions have responded, as in the past, with vigor and imaginative co-operation in meeting present needs and planning for the future.

Area Supervision

The fiscal year 1963-64 reflected much interest and planning on community programming under the direct supervision of the four Area Supervisors. This resulted in a marked upswing in such activities as athletic tournaments, fashion shows, carnivals, luncheons, and the like.

A renewed interest by Mothers', Fathers' and Parents' Clubs on the various units was quite noticeable. These groups gave much time and effort in raising funds for special parties and trips.

District Outings conducted on a weekly basis during the summer months made a noticeable impression upon the parents of the children participating in these regularly scheduled weekly events held away from the playgrounds. Attendance at these outings was significantly higher this year.

Outside organizations and neighborhood groups were accommodated with field house facilities insofar as possible. Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Girl Scouts and other agencies were given meeting facilities on many occasions.

It was possible to assist the Health Department by assigning them a permanent office at the Portola Recreation Center.

Ocean View Center was the focal point of all meetings of the Ocean View Ingleside District Council, while the Portola Center was established as the headquarters of the Portola Section of the Police Community Relations Unit and the Upper Noe Recreation Center is the headquarters of the Mothers' Club Neighborhood Youth Committee.

In the Western Addition the opening of new housing facilities brought many requests for recreational activities from new families. A large amount of material was distributed to these people informing them of recreational activities and the location of the department's facilities.

Throughout the year the Area Supervisors represented the department at numerous meetings.

Arts and Crafts

Both children and adults, in record-high numbers, were beneficiaries of activities offered by this division at various San Francisco playgrounds and recreation centers.

A colorful art show at the International Child Art Center from May 18 to June 9 was a highlight of the children's art program. The work exhibited was done in art classes which were taught on a volunteer basis by members of the Artists' Cooperative with one artist at each of the following recreation centers: Chinese, Excelsior, Funston, Potrero Hill and Sunset. Paintings shown in this exhibit will be used in the International Exchange Program, sponsored by the center to provide an exchange of children's art work from all over the world.

Another Children's Art Show was held at the Sharon Building in Golden Gate Park from September 21 through September 29. This show was juried, hung and staffed by members of the Artists' Cooperative, who volunteered their services. The large number of parents and children who saw the show resulted in a marked increase in requests for children's art classes.

The Adult Craft Classes expanded in number to 15, in fields including mosaics, ceramics and sewing. In addition, the Senior Citizens Program includes ceramics, sewing, flower arranging and other crafts at the Yerba Buena Senior Citizen Center and at various recreation centers each week.

Thanks to budget purchasing of new equipment, all ceramic kilns were equipped with an automatic shut-off device, important both from the standpoint of safety and as an aid to the limited staff.

An adequate budget for supplies remains the most serious need of this division. Again this year local firms have been most generous in donating scrap materials, which are distributed to playgrounds and centers. For instance, donations of scrap paper from Schwabacher-Frey, Phillips & Van Orden, and A. Carisle Company met almost all of the needs of the children's art classes.

Directors' In-Service Training in the past fiscal year was stepped up. Classes in mosaics were conducted weekly from October 18, 1963, to January 24, 1964. The San Francisco Museum of Art Education Department again

conducted four sessions of In-Service Training Classes in children's art for a selected group of 20 directors.

The result of this program has been an increase in the quality and quantity of work carried on at recreation units. The Arts and Crafts Division conducted 106 classes in the fall of 1963, 115 in the spring of 1964, and 156 in the summer of 1964.

Aquatics

The Aquatics Division is pleased to report a tremendous public response to an expanded program of activities offered San Franciscans of all age groups in the fiscal year 1963-64.

These activities, planned for both the participant and the spectator, attracted a combined turnout of 4,706,590, an increase of 1,568,972 over the previous fiscal year.

These were some of the highlights of that program:

A "Learn To Swim" campaign was conducted in cooperation with the Red Cross during the summer months in order to provide intensive swimming instruction for children from the ages of 8 through 18. In addition to providing 32,000 children with an opportunity to acquire swimming skills, the program afforded 1,000 youths a chance to achieve worthwhile experiences as instructor or administrative aides.

Each fiscal year new groups use the facilities of the Aquatics Division to enrich their programs. Included among the new groups were a number of Boy Scout troops, Camp Fire Girls, Cameron House, and Canon Kip.

The Merionettes continued their fine representation of the City throughout the United States by winning numerous individual and team championships in the field of synchronized swimming. The Aquatics Division also sponsored eight swimming teams in an intradepartmental league, and it enabled the most outstanding swimmers to participate in meets throughout the State where they competed under the name of the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department.

Increased interest in the field of swimming provided the Aquatics Division with an opportunity to present 12 swimming meets and two synchronized shows to the public. Both of the synchronized swimming shows were attended by more than 2,500.

Instruction in various phases of swimming were conducted for the public at the seven indoor pools. Included in this facet of the program were classes for adults, children, and preschoolers with 15,000 individuals actively participating. Besides these lessons, the Aquatics Division offered courses in such specialized fields as lifesaving and synchronized swimming.

Due to the fact that swimming is an exciting experience to many persons with a physical or mental handicap, the Aquatics Division extended the use of its units and staff to a number of organizations interested in helping the handicapped individual. During the last fiscal year, more than 2,200 handicapped persons utilized the Aquatics Division's facilities.

Drama and Dance

Storytelling, puppetry, singing games, small folks rhythemics . . .

These were some of the activities regularly conducted on a weekly basis on recreation units throughout the City. Others included story play production, folk dancing (boys and girls), folk, square and rounds (adults), social dancing workshops (adults and teen-age), ethnic dance groups and special dance groups.

This Division seeks, through its drama, dance and costume sections, to provide the citizenry of San Francisco with a comprehensive program designed for those of all ages---boys and girls, men and women.

Teen-age activities proved particularly rewarding at Hamilton, Alice Chalmers and Ocean View Centers and Recreational Arts Building. Ethnic dance group programs were again a highlight of the season. The Chinese, Croatian, Nigerian and Italian groups were enthusiastically received at the Stern Grove and Columbus Day pageants. For senior citizens, folk and square dances were organized and conducted as requested. Drama and puppetry groups meriting special recognition were conducted at Sunset, ocean View, Funston, Alice Chalmers, Milton Meyer Centers and Recreational Arts Building.

During 1963-64 a concentrated 12-weeks course in drama was conducted for all personnel, and a regular training course in dance for women only was conducted in May.

Annual city-wide programs organized and conducted by this Division attracted participants and spectators running into the tens of thousands. These were: "Carnival" at Stern Grove, May Day Festival at Kezar Stadium, Columbus

Day Pageant at Aquatic Park, Story Play Festival and Contest at Stern Grove, Statewide Folk Dance Festival at Kezar Pavilion, Doll Show (two days) at Sharon Building, Joseph Lee Day at "Big Rec," Christmas Parade at Union Square, Nativity Tableaux and Christmas Story Festival at Recreational Arts Building.

Story League activities proved a highlight of the year-around program. The Golden Gate, Storyland and Wawona Story Leagues, organized by this Division, are volunteer groups giving freely of their time and talent as a community service. They meet regularly to develop and improve storytelling techniques. The Golden Gate Story League co-sponsored by the Volunteer Bureau conducted seven classes for teen-agers and four classes for adults.

General activities conducted by the Division included drama and dance programs for Christmas, Easter, Halloween, May Day and other special occasions, playground doll shows, Story League, radio and television programs. Special community service programs included monthly regional folk dance festivals. Glen Park invites the public to a monthly open house. The Recreational Arts Dance groups combined to present programs for San Francisco State College, San Jose Statewide Festival, East Bay Women's Dance Circle, Laguna Honda Home, Women's Athletic Club, Aquatic Park Senior Center, Scandinavian celebration, Annual Sonoma and Mount Shasta outings, Girl Scout Grove outing, Mexican Fiesta, California Club, East Bay King and Queen Ball, and Noriega Home School.

All Recreation and Park Department programs requiring costuming and properties are provided by this Division. For the annual Grove program alone, 1,340 costumes were used. The present inventory: Costumes, 20,060 pieces; properties 1,521.

In addition to the foregoing, Storyland was assigned to this Division for six months, July to January, with 116,630 paid admissions. During this period 10 special programs were planned and given to entertain visitors.

Employees of the Division, by attending meetings, serving on committees and assembling material, were able to give assistance to other divisions of the Department, public agencies and civic groups, amateur as well as professional drama and dance organizations, Doll Clubs and Story Leagues.

Golf

Harding Park continues to be the most popular golf course in the Bay Area and perhaps the most heavily played course in the United States. The Fleming regulation nine-hole course within the area surrounded by the main course is becoming more popular each day. In the past year, Harding was the scene of the following tournaments: Lucky International Open, San Francisco Championship for Men and Women, National Public Links Qualifying, four Harding Men's Club Tournaments, two Harding Women's Club Tournaments and Pacific Women's Golf Association.

Lincoln Park, San Francisco's oldest and most picturesque course, where most of the Junior activity is held, was again host to the San Francisco Junior Championship and all the San Francisco high school matches. It was also the scene of the popular Examiner "Hole-in-One," the Recreation and Park Department Industrial Division Tournament, San Francisco Championship for Men and Women, four men's club tournaments and two women's club tournaments.

The Sharp Park course, although a bit disrupted by freeway construction, has not lost a day of play. When construction is finished it will have a new look. Meantime, it hosted tournaments which included San Francisco Championship for Men and Women Industrial Division of the Recreation and Park Department, and numerous others.

The Golden Gate Park Course, an all par-3 nine-hole facility, is the scene of the annual Northern California Father and Son Golf Championship play. Its appeal for the older person or businessman who cannot play a regulation 18 holes continues to grow.

The McLaren Park regulation nine-hole course, off to a slow start, is gradually improving as maintenance crews correct or remove "bugs" causing complaints from patrons. Physical changes made and planned have caused an increase in play---which is bound to continue as improvements progress.

Junior Museum

Programs of scientific and cultural hobbies were presented throughout the year at the Josephine D. Randall Junior Museum. Total attendance was 91,045.

Children participated in study groups interested in zoology, botany, geology and related science subjects and took part in craft workshops in art, ceramics, lapidary, and model building. These programs were augmented by new exhibits, collections, educational motion pictures, field trips and animal demonstrations. Guided tours were

conducted for school classes and other visiting organized groups.

The loan of the cultural material of the Indians of Northern California was extended for another year by the University of California, thus enabling the Museum to continue this popular exhibit. The Auxiliary of the Museum provided funds for the installation of a new exhibit on "Life in the Past," featuring Dinosaurs. These two exhibits, Indians and Dinosaurs, are the only ones on these subjects available to children in San Francisco. The 1964 contribution by the Auxiliary was a collection of choice minerals with fluorescent lights.

The Advisory Board, and the Auxiliary of the Museum, continued their active interest and cooperation in developing new exhibits and programs. Through their efforts many specimens of scientific and cultural interest were added to the Museum's collections for study and display.

Music

During the year 1963-64 the Music Division conducted its program at playgrounds and recreation centers and at the Recreational Arts Building.

Activities included singing groups and rhythm bands for pre-school age children, folk song and toy symphony groups for children of grammar school age, senior citizens' community singing, Adult Dance Band, Golden Gate Band, and several orchestras, including the Recreation Symphony Orchestra.

Children's ukulele classes, for some years a regular feature of the music program, were increased from five to seven, and response to the summer Sandwich Concert series for children resulted in this year's offering of four events as compared with three the preceding year.

Folk guitar classes, an important feature of the adult program for two years, continued to be a popular and highly successful activity; four beginning and two intermediate classes were given in a series of 16 sessions each during both fall and spring, in most instances with capacity attendance.

A new activity offered to the public was a recorder class for children, and recorder classes for adults, not given for some months, were again included in the spring schedule.

Participation in public performances included the annual Carnival at Sigmund Stern Grove and the Joseph Lee

Day program, Christmas Carol Festival at City Hall, Recreation Symphony Orchestra Concert, a number of Recreation Musicales including the Sandwich Concerts mentioned above, and a great many special holiday programs, including the Christmas programs at Storyland and at Recreational Arts Building.

Assistance and co-operation in planning and programming were given to, among others, the Photography and the Drama and Dance Divisions of the Recreation and Park Department, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the San Francisco Boys' Chorus, the San Francisco Youth Wind Ensemble, the San Francisco Musical Society, the Colonial Dames of America, the Violin, Viola and Violoncello Guild of Northern California, the American Yugoslav Women's Club, and the Music Teachers' Association of California.

Photography

From any point of view---attendance, activities and revenues---1963-64 proved the biggest year in the history of the Photography Center, by now the envy of many a public official visiting San Francisco.

Total attendance was 67,946. Fully paid-up active members as of June 30, 1964 numbered 1,157. Of these, 991 were adults and 166 Senior high school or college students under 19 years of age. Membership dues totaled \$10,824 and locker fees \$1,166.50---a total of \$11,990.50.

The Photography Center maintained an active program throughout the year. More than 1,000 attended its "quickie" courses, designed to provide a "look-see" into the things that go toward making a good photographer. Students are told the Center is not a school but rather a workshop and meeting place where amateur photographers may practice and learn more about their hobby by working at it themselves. Popularity of the courses is reflected by the fact they have been attended to capacity.

For the first time, the Center's special activities committee arranged a Photography Work-O-Rama here for three weekends during February. This proved a great success, with more than 500 in attendance. Forty-eight top photographers, teachers and photographic judges put on 87 lectures and/or demonstrations.

Because of their demonstrated popularity, another series of courses in photography have been scheduled by the special activities committee to run from September 1 to about December 11 in 1964.

Athletics

With the co-operation of the Recreation Directors and various private groups, a diversified athletic program was offered during 1963-64.

The Men's and Boys' Division clears the activities of leagues and tournaments for boys and men of an inter-playground and intra-playground nature. With very few exceptions these activities are scheduled, co-ordinated and supervised by personnel within the Division. Outside agencies are invited to participate, and often do so.

This Division scheduled and supervised softball leagues for such groups as the A.Z.A. Acacia, advertising firms, B'Nai B'Rith, Bank of America, Baptist Church, Catholic Youth Organization, Council of Churches, Cub Scouts, De Molay, Latter Day Saints, Lutheran Church, Pacific Gas and Electric, Railway Express Agency, municipal employees and Native Sons of the Golden West.

Most popular sports in the Boys' Division are baseball, basketball, touch football, track and field and seven-man soccer. There also are leagues and tournaments for table tennis, softball, volleyball, kickball, a basketball pentathlon and a football feature contest.

The baseball league surpassed all previous years in the number of teams and participants, divided into four categories---midgets, juniors, intermediates and seniors. There were 221 teams with 3,629 boys playing in 540 games.

The popular Rifle Range at Sharp Park, which is open on weekends, has been the host to the National Junior Championships and the State Championships. There also are Archery Ranges at Sharp Park, as well as a practice range in Golden Gate Park.

Soccer Fields of the Recreation and Park Department accommodate teams of junior and senior high schools, the C. Y. O., the San Francisco Soccer Association and the Gaelic Football League.

The Women's and Girls' Division found tennis once again the most active individual participation sport for children and adults, with a 40 per cent increase throughout the four classes of tennis held during 1963-64.

Much of this increase can be credited to the Youth Tennis Foundation Program conducted throughout the Recreation and Park Department's courts for beginners. More than 2,000 children participated in these clinics, and 265 who showed the greatest ability were offered "on court" instruction on the Golden Gate Park courts.

The 21 tennis courts in the Park rarely had vacancies, with many privately-sponsored tournaments as well as individual and group play helping to keep them busy. These courts are supervised 60 hours a week during the six months of Daylight Saving Time to afford players the maximum accommodation. On weekends and holidays there were long waiting lists for two-hour periods of play.

This Division also offered a diversified program of other sports activities in which hundreds participated.

Leagues and tournaments were sponsored in girls' softball and girls' volleyball. There were 41 softball teams and 46 teams in the intermediate and senior girls' volleyball tournament.

Highlight of the softball season was a game at Funston Playground between a San Francisco all-star team of girls and the Canadian "Tigrettes," a softball team from Nanaimo, Canada, which was touring the West Coast.

In addition, playdays were set up for various activities. These included mixed indoor relays, girls' basketball, kickball, netball, dodgeball and mixed volleyball.

During May, the Division staged the Eleventh Annual Girls' Track and Field Meet, with 478 participants in division playoffs at individual playgrounds and 247 in the city-wide meet.

Jacks, checkers and chess tournaments were conducted during the summer months on individual playgrounds, with winners meeting in city-wide competition.

A Women's Volleyball League for women 18 years of age and over was formed to meet the needs of groups not qualified to participate in the girls' playground tournaments or in the Industrial Women's Volleyball League. Six teams participated and the season ended with a volleyball social night.

The Industrial Division, a unique and self-supporting unit with 63 member firms, had an exceptionally active year. Activities sponsored and directed by the Athletic division included such tournaments as tennis, volleyball, bowling, badminton and basketball.

Individual activities of tennis clinics, swimming, horseback riding and two weekend excursions helped complete a well rounded recreational program for the working adult of San Francisco.

Miscellaneous Facilities and Activities

Silver Tree and Pine Lake Day Camps were operated Monday through Friday during the summer vacation period and provided a wholesome opportunity for outdoor living and playing, with a carefully planned and supervised program of camping activities. Children seven through twelve years of age attended Silver Tree Camp, while boys and girls nine through thirteen years of age were offered a more concentrated camping program at Pine Lake.

In addition to the boys and girls from the regular playgrounds, children from six special groups were oriented and integrated into the regular program. The special groups sending participants to the camp were, Aid to Retarded Children, Child Care Centers, the Lighthouse for the Blind, neglected, orphaned and handicapped children.

Many facilities of the Recreation and Park Department, located in different areas of the city, were used by youth-serving agencies conducting their own day camping programs. The Recreation Center for the Handicapped conducted a day camp at the Fleishhacker Camping Area; the Lighthouse for the Blind used Horsemen's Retreat every Saturday during the summer vacation; Aid to Retarded Children had camping sites at both Speedway Meadows and Delavega Dell in Golden Gate Park, while the League for the Handicapped used the Sharon Building in Golden Gate Park.

The three overnight camping areas in Golden Gate Park and the one in the Pine Lake area served both in and out-of-town groups. The latter groups came from various states throughout the United States and were very appreciative of the unique camping sites provided for such groups within the city limits. Approximately 170 groups of campers were served, ranging from 25 to 225 per group.

In all, 725 organized groups (ranging from 25 to 3,500) used the various picnic areas. Other groups, who were not aware that reservations were required, used many of the areas without authorization.

As the facilities became known to the public, the requests for reservations increased. Sigmund Stern Grove and Wawona Clubhouse were both very popular for socials and meetings by non-profit organizations. Sigmund Stern Grove again was the setting for the very popular and widely acclaimed annual Sumner Music Concerts which were offered free to the public.

Popularity of the flycasting pools increases yearly.

The Anglers Lodge was used for meetings by the Golden Gate Angling and Casting Club, the Sheriff Air Squadron Patrol, and the San Francisco Mounted Patrol.

With an increased interest in boating, the Model Yacht Clubhouse was used by many people who are interested in motorized and sailboat construction. Spreckels Lake, immediately adjacent to the clubhouse, afforded the necessary water facilities for the ever popular Model marine operations.

Twenty-six various equestrian groups used Bercut Equitation Field, in Golden Gate Park, for their annual horse shows. Over 175 organized groups used the nearby log circles and barbecue facilities for picnics.

Facilities for model airplane enthusiasts were provided at an improved area in the Crocker-Amazon Playground.

The Department operated three dog-training areas. One was located in Golden Gate Park where free obedience classes were held each Saturday by dog-training clubs. This area was also available to individuals, as well as groups, for training and for 28 dog shows. Another dog-training area was located in the parking lot of the West Sunset Playground. Because of the popularity of this activity the third training area was created under the Kezar Stadium grandstand. This facility was available even in rainy weather and was a decided asset to dog training and free obedience classes.

Senior Citizens

The most eloquent way to summarize the activities of this Division is to report that the total number of participants in 1963-64 was 65,488!

Seventeen Senior Citizen Center groups have been organized and they meet on various units of the Recreation and Park Department. Fifteen are operated one day a week and two on five days a week.

The 11th Annual Senior Citizens' Hobby Show, conducted by the Department, the San Francisco Public Library, the San Francisco Labor Council, the Emporium and the Adult Division of the San Francisco Unified School District, attracted 6,847 spectators.

Tiny Tots

This program is conducted by the Recreation and Park Department as a form of play experience, aimed mainly at forming good habits through recreational act-

ivities. In all, 92 Tiny Tot groups meet at 41 playgrounds in the forenoon, during the regular school year. Total number of children served in 1963-64 was 74,474.

DIVISION OF SAN FRANCISCO ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS

Completion of the new moated enclosure for the great apes---considered one of the finest facilities of its kind in the world---was a highlight of the fiscal year. Consisting of three moated islands to exhibit the gorillas, orangutans and chimpanzees, it cost \$134,000, of which the Zoological Society provided \$57,342.64.

The year has been marked by many other improvements, both in new construction and improvement of older buildings, as well as an increase in the animal and bird populations. The high standards established by the Zoo for cleanliness and animal health were maintained, evoking many warm compliments.

A new warning system was installed to notify keepers in case of an animal-escape or trouble of any kind---a distinct improvement on devices relied on in the past. In addition, telephones have been installed at key points of the Zoo grounds so that contact may be maintained and help summoned immediately if needed.

New fences around the Zoo were built, improving both safety and general appearance, at a cost of \$10,000. An equal sum was spent in repaving the paths and roads.

The Zoo has acquired a fine male gorilla and a pair of square-lipped rhinos from Africa, an animal never before exhibited here. The Zoo's veterinarian, Dr. Mottram made the trip to Africa to bring the rhinos to the Zoo and the cost of the entire operation was paid by the Society. One of the older corrals was strengthened to contain the animals.

The Otter Pool and Penguin Pool have been repainted, another improvement in the Zoo's appearance.

Three new corrals have been built in the northern section of the Zoo behind the large lagoon. This adds interest to a section not heretofore open to the public. A host of minor projects have been completed, among them catching pens for animals so that the keeper may enter areas that are considered dangerous. Many repairs have been completed, including plumbing, fence repairs and carpenter work. The rest rooms have been repaired and repainted.

Among many other improvements, the service area has been cleaned and replanted. This adds beauty to the entire section. Some of the plants and shrubs that have been planted are used to supplement the diets of the giraffes and elephants.

DIVISION OF PARKS

The unusually dry winter of 1963-64 lengthened the irrigation season to a degree that our annual rehabilitation was considerably shortened. However, accomplishments of the landscape management and development section of the Park Division have been many and varied. Some of the major efforts were:

Large Parks

Eleven-thousand square feet of turf was added to the Panhandle replacing overgrown shrub groups.

In the area fronting the Conservatory, twenty-seven floral designs were installed using 351,320 carpet bedding plants. The floral clock was replanted several times to keep this popular display in a photogenic condition. Unfortunately this clock is attractive to vandals and has been broken many times. Also in this area 37,400 bedding plants and 15,400 tulips were grown.

The Conservatory staged 10,320 plants in their seasonal displays while maintaining the permanent plantings. Eighty-one new species were added to the collections.

In addition to the thousands of casual visitors, conducted tours were arranged for many school groups and garden clubs. Grayline tours brought 44,675 visitors on 995 stops.

The Band Concourse redevelopment was carried on by the removal of old shrubbery, replanting of lawn borders and planting of 15,000 square feet of ground covers.

Large Yew trees were transplanted from the front of the west wing of the De Young Museum (soon to be demolished) to the Rose Garden where they make an effective back drop for the roses. The popularity and use of the Rose Garden continues to grow.

Continually increasing usage of Golden Gate Park has required that excluding recreation fields, 30,000 square feet of turf area be reconstructed. 20,800 square feet of new turf area was installed.

All recreation fields in the Park have required some rehabilitation. Major overhaul was given the soccer pitches at Beach Chalet Field, replanting six acres of turf. The football field at Old Stadium was given the same treatment, a one and one-half acre job. 4,700 square feet of sod was laid in the Big Recreation Baseball Fields and 5,000 square feet of sod laid to rehabil-

itate Kezar Stadium.

South Lake of the Chain of Lakes was completely renovated. It was drained, sediment and weed growth removed, the bottom reclayed and a new overflow system constructed.

Along Great Highway one-half mile of the center strip was brought to grade and replanted to ice plant.

The exceptionally harsh winds of this spring moved great quantities of sand from the beach to the Great Highway. These drifts caused the police department to close the highway numerous times. To control the sand, tons of brush and straw have been placed on the raw sand.

The Zoological Gardens were improved by landscaping the recently completed primate grotto, relandscaping the aviary lake area, planting 18,000 square feet of new paddocks to Birdsfoot Tree-foil and replanted an additional 20,000 square feet of shrubbery borders.

Recreational Units, Small Parks and Squares

The continuing rehabilitation program at Buena Vista was furthered with the removal of fifty truck loads of brush. The area thus cleared was planted to ground covers.

A new baseball diamond was cut out at Crocker-Amazon to accommodate increased demands on this ground. The existing diamonds and the soccer pitch were reconstructed using 8,000 square feet of sod.

At Corona Heights, a one acre area, the entrance of the park, was graded and seeded to turf.

57,000 square feet of sod was set in repair of the athletic fields of Aptos, Balboa, Douglass, Eureka Valley, Hayward Boys, McCoppin, Parkside, South Sunset, Upper Noe and Visitacion Playgrounds.

At Kezar Stadium turf on the sidelines of the field was lifted, the areas regraded for drainage and the sod relaid.

With the routine work of preparing Sigmund Stern Grove for the summer concerts, 9,000 square feet of sod was placed and the greens aerified and top-dressed.

In Huntington Square a cleanup program was started. Old overgrown shrubbery was removed and new plants were

installed. Also new lawn was sown.

Twenty-eight men spent two days cleaning up Mount Davidson for Easter services. Two days of trucking was needed to remove the debris gathered.

Most of the paths at Coit Tower were resurfaced as was the play area at North Beach Playground. New fencing replaced the rusted out fencing at Cabrillo and Rochambeau Playgrounds.

Seventy-two boys of the Workcreation Program were assigned to the Parks Division. The majority of these boys were assigned to the western sections of Golden Gate Park and the Great Highway, where they accomplished much in clean-up work our normal forces cannot schedule. Some of the boys did similar work at Sigmund Stern Grove, Buena Vista Park, Strybing Arboretum, Crocker-Lazear Playground and the nurseries.

Structural Maintenance and Allied Work

The sanitary and irrigation facilities throughout the system, both in San Francisco and Camp Mather, were maintained. Outdated fixtures and valves were replaced at Harding Golf Clubhouse and additional irrigation along the Main Drive in Golden Gate Park was installed.

The carpenters not only maintained all buildings in the department including Camp Mather, where the Clubroom area was rehabilitated with new floor covering and cabinets, but also set up many carnival booths and other structures for the May Day programs at Kezar and Parkside Square and the Photography Show and Carnival held at Sigmund Stern Grove as well as setting up scoreboards and press room at Harding Park Golf Course.

Vandalism was heavy this year and necessitated the replacement of numerous doors and windows, repair of equipment, and plastering.

All play apparatus was constantly checked for defects and painted whenever there was a need.

Besides constructing new sinks and flues for Camp Mather's kitchen and bunk house, the sheet metal unit as part of the regular maintenance of buildings and structures replaced many down spouts, gutters, window screens and flues, as well as repairing other equipment.

General work included repairs to many sidewalks, the hauling of litter and brush, the removing of sand along the Great Highway, Yacht Harbor and Aquatic Park, the

thinning of large trees, and the removing of diseased trees. All the material cut was chipped for mulch. Green material for fence posts and bumper logs was cut. The general labor crew assisted all trucks in the performance of this work which, in addition to general cleaning, included the setting of directional signs and the moving of temporary bleachers.

The operating engineers maintained and operated the heating and ventilating systems, the filtering and water treating and various pumping systems of the nine indoor and outdoor swimming pools in the city.

They operated and maintained five pumping stations, namely, the South Mill, North Mill, Water Works, Fleishhacker and Lake Merced consisting of well pumps, booster pumps and related equipment for irrigation of Golden Gate Park and Lincoln and Harding Golf Courses, as well and the automatic irrigation sprinkler systems for golf courses, parks and playgrounds.

The laundry in the Herbert Fleishhacker Bath-House, as well as its heating, ventilating and pumping equipment and various heating and pumping systems and refrigeration in the San Francisco Zoo buildings and the Zoo Sewage Pumping Plant were operated and maintained.

Also maintained was the heating and ventilating, refrigeration and various pumping systems in seventeen large and forty-five smaller recreational units, likewise the Aquatic Park building.

At Camp Mather, the equipment was put in operation for the summer season and during this season the equipment for refrigeration, water pumping, treating, heating, filtering and sewage disposal was operated and maintained. At the close of the season, the camp was winterized to prevent any damage to piping and machinery from rust and ice.

The following units were rehabilitated or added to the care of the operating engineers during the past twelve months: installation of heating system in the Mothers' Building, rehabilitation of heating system in the Zoo Aviary Building and the Lion House, and the alteration to and rehabilitation of electrical services for Fleishhacker Pool area and Pump House (Phase 2). This rehabilitation greatly improved the installations and made for easier maintenance.

The Water Reclamation Plant in Golden Gate Park is a secondary sewage plant using the activated sludge principal. It went into operation in 1932 and has been

operating even since to reclaim water for irrigation purposes and to maintain the level of several lakes.

The plant shutdown for its annual maintenance and repair period on December 2, 1963. All mechanical and structural equipment was thoroughly inspected, serviced, and repaired where necessary. The plant resumed operations on January 20, 1964.

Pumping into the irrigation system in Golden Gate Park has been restricted for well over a year due to the lack of an overflow structure at Strawberry Hill Reservoir. (The previous structure - Huntington Falls had collapsed in July, 1962). Overflow culverts were installed by contract and completed in September, 1963, and a full pumping schedule was resumed.

The plant produces one million gallons of water per irrigation day. In the course of a year 80% is pumped to the irrigation system and 20% is sent to the lakes by gravity.

The laboratory participated in an interlaboratory bacteriological test. This involved the laboratories of the Health Department of Public Works, Water Department and the Recreation and Park Department. In the course of this test well over 240 samples were submitted to bacteriological analysis. The laboratory also cooperated with the Health Department in conducting bacteriological analysis of beach waters over weekends when their laboratory was closed. The Gnat Control Program is still in force and research into better and more effective methods is continuing.

Golf Courses

General maintenance of the six Golf Courses consisted of the following:

Regularly scheduled spiking, top-dressing and spraying for disease of all greens and tees.

All fairways were spiked 3 times and fertilized once.

Tees were resodded with 8,000 square feet of new sod.

Annuals, consisting of Pansies, Dahlias, and Marigolds, were planted around the clubhouses.

General hedge pruning and cleaning-up of dead limbs and fallen trees was done during the winter season.

All catch basins, pipes and drainage ditches were kept clean and running.

All worn-out sod on aprons of greens and tees was removed and replaced with new sod.

Sand traps were edged and weeded and new sand added when necessary.

Rough areas were kept under control with regular mowing.

White lines were maintained around greens for golf cart control.

In the Rifle and Archery Range, grass and weeds were kept under control with periodic mowing.

Golf Courses groomed and readied for Lucky International Roos-Atkins City Tournament, Call-Bulletin Junior Tournament, San Francisco Examiner Hole-In One Tournament and all club tournaments.

Sharp Park Golf Course - The major improvements during the year were as follows:

The drainage channel from the main lake to Mori's Point Pumphouse was dredged and widened for a better water flow to the pumps.

A 4" overflow line was installed from the 10" irrigation line directly into the ocean, helping to keep the upper Canyon Reservoir low for more storage during heavy rains. This new line will also relieve the pumps.

Work started during March on the 2 new holes needed because of freeway construction on Highway #1 in front of the clubhouse. A new hole along the ocean, (a par 3- 175 yards) was constructed to replace #16 which will be abandoned. The present #12 hole was rebuilt into a par 5-473 yard hole. The present #15 was reconstructed with a new green (5000 square feet) and 2 new tees. The championship tee will be 454 yards. Regular tee, 410 yards par 4.

600 trees and shrubs were planted on all new construction areas (e.g. pines, cypress, etc.). New holes may be open for play in late November.

Nursery

The Park Nursery provided the following materials

for use in projects on parks, squares, playgrounds and golf courses:

Trees	1,439
Shrubs	12,833
Bedding Plants	391,280
Perennials, Vines and Ground Covers	20,793

The Nursery Department provided and arranged materials used to decorate for civic functions at the City Hall, other Public Buildings and Sigmund Stern Grove. Stock plants from the Nursery and Conservatory are used for these functions supplemented this year with 194 seasonal potted plants and 4,237 bunches of flowers.

Strybing Arboretum

During 1963-64, the staff was engaged in certain refinements within the 20-acre first phase of the Arboretum Master Plan, which included the new main entrance and was completed in March of 1963.

The second and final phase of the Master Plan is now under way, and working drawings are in preparation by the landscape architect, Robert Tetlow. Estimated cost is \$125,000, including \$76,000 from the Strybing Bequest and \$25,000 from the Fuhrman Bequest. Cost of irrigation will come from the Recreation and Park Bond Fund of 1955.

Refinements to the acreage involved in the first phase of the Master Plan, carried out in the past fiscal year, included:

Magnolia Collection: More than 28 species and varieties of the Magnolia Family have been planted along a broad border to the left of the new entrance. These include many rare and unusual Magnolia species which will provide a spectacular display in early spring.

Flowering Crab Apple Collection: A representative collection of flowering crab apples has been planted on either side of the fountain on the overlook. They consist of 130 two-year-old trees, totaling 30 varieties of the best flowering crab apples for the San Francisco area. In time, this collection will provide a colorful display during April and May.

Information Kiosk: Through the generosity of the Strybing Arboretum Society, an information kiosk has been built near the new entrance way and is staffed by volunteer members of the Society. It is a concrete block-

type building, 16 feet by 10 feet, similar in construction to the Hall of Flowers. The total cost was more than \$6,000.

Garden of Fragrance: Construction of this garden is now complete and includes a series of stone walls and a rock outcropping built from the discarded stones of the 13th Century monastary given to San Francisco by the late William Randolph Hearst. A statue of Saint Francis, the gift of the sculptress, Mrs. Huntington, has been used effectively in this garden. Design, construction and planting costs exceeding \$12,000 are being donated by the Strybing Arboretum Society.

Strybing Arboretum-Sunset Magazine Demonstration Gardens: This development is located within the new main entrance and, when completed, will offer attractive and practical solutions to the problems of home owners in garden construction and maintenance. The plans have been donated by the Sunset Publishing Co. and are now in the hands of the Department of Public Works for processing prior to bid. Cost has not yet been determined. Funds on hand from the State of California amount to \$51,000. An additional \$40,000 in building material will be supplied through the efforts of the Sunset Publishing Co.

Accessions: In the past year, 511 new accessions of plants, cuttings and seeds were acquired from other botanical gardens and public institutions. Significant increases were noted in our collections of camellias, rhododendrons, hollies, crab apples and native California plants. Seeds from the University of California Botanic Garden's Seventh Expedition to the Andes are just beginning to arrive, and it is expected that many worthwhile plants never before cultivated in this country will be received. Dried plant material was supplied to the Department of Chemistry, the George Washington University at Washington, D.C., for pharmacological and chemical analysis for research studies. Ceanothus cuttings were sent to the United States Department of Agriculture for transmission to the Soviet Union and Seeds of two native species of redwood trees were sent to Cape Town, South Africa.

Tours: During 1963-64 a total of 67 tours serving 1,807 persons were given by members of the Strybing Arboretum Society, who had received training by the Arboretum staff. In September, 25 Scout troop leaders were given instruction in plant development and tree identification. Under their leadership more than 500 girl guides have been given instruction in the arboretum.

In-Service Training: This program for grade school teachers of the San Francisco Unified School System was

continued in the past fiscal year and since January of 1963, when the course was begun, 80 of them have completed training. Through them, more than 2,000 children have been given instruction in nature interpretation. Beginning in the fall of 1964, this program will be expanded to include science teachers from the secondary schools.

Hall of Flowers:

Revenues were up and attendance was down, according to comparative figures. But the decrease in attendance may be accounted for by the fact that we are now insisting on a more accurate count of those attending the various meetings. Here are the figures:

Attendance Records 1962-64

	<u>1963-64</u>	<u>1962-63</u>
Garden Club Activities attendance	28,267	39,282
Miscellaneous Civic & Cultural Attendance	<u>53,473</u>	<u>80,620</u>
<u>Total Attendance</u>	81,740	119,902
<u>Rental Receipts</u>	<u>\$17,878.00</u>	<u>\$14,805.00</u>

DIVISION OF BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATION

COMPARISON OF REVENUES ESTIMATED IN 1963-64 BUDGET
WITH REVENUES COLLECTED

	Budget Estimate	Receipts Collected	Difference
Coit Memorial Tower	32,000	32,863	863
Harding Park Golf Course	220,000	243,910	23,910
Lincoln Park Golf Course	97,500	111,227	13,727
Sharp Park Golf Course	140,000	151,429	11,429
Golden Gate Park Golf Course	70,000	76,430	6,430
McLaren Park Golf Course	34,000	42,876	8,876
Balboa Stadium Rent	3,000	3,564	564
Golden Gate Park Stadium Rent	200	270	70
Kezar Pavilion Rent	18,000	18,067	67
Kezar Stadium Rent	120,000	98,745	- 21,255
Fleishhacker Bathhouse	6,000	8,349	2,349
Children's Quarters-Rides	12,000	12,040	40
Tennis Fees)	4,500)	6,127	1,627)
Tennis Pro Shop )	)	1,696	1,696)
Sharp Park Municipal Rifle Range	4,000	3,898	- 102
Swimming Facilities	62,000	64,759	2,759
St. Mary's Square Garage Rental	18,000	19,161	1,161
Yacht Harbor Mooring Fees	42,000	44,754	2,754
Union Square Garage Rental	200,000	230,736	30,736
Lake Merced Fishing Permits	6,500	5,727	- 773
G. G. Park Riding Concession	1,000	1,281	281
Aquatic Park Concessions	9,500	10,713	1,213
Stow Lake Concessions	15,000	18,216	3,216
Miscellaneous Concessions )	)	23,489	23,489)
Lake Merced Center Rentals )	)	2,233	2,233)
Lake Merced Concessions)	31,000)	12,535	- 18,465)
Photography Center	8,500	12,184	3,684
Zoo Cafe Concessions	25,000	31,681	6,681
Children's Quarters-Food	50,000	52,190	2,190
Harding Park Cafe	9,000	10,890	1,890
Lincoln Park Cafe	2,600	3,146	546
McLaren Park Cafe	1,800	1,176	- 624
Sharp Park Cafe	7,000	7,472	472
Kezar Concessions - Food Sales	70,000	72,738	2,738
Japanese Tea Garden	20,000	20,594	594
Yacht Harbor Rentals	3,300	3,211	- 89
Bayview Park Dock Fees	1,200	1,200	-
Beach Chalet, Marine Exch., Misc.	2,000	5,595	3,595
Other, Misc., Property Damage etc.)	12,000)	7,730	3,943)
Summer Day Camps )	)	8,213)
Camp Mather	121,352	123,278	1,926
Storyland Concession - S.F.))		
Zoo Society )	)	1,131	1,131
Storyland Admissions )	)	14,255)
Storyland Concessions)	21,000)	780	- 5,965)
Candlestick Park	40,000	50,000	10,000
Total Recreation & Park Revenue	<u>1,540,952</u>	<u>1,672,559</u>	<u>131,607</u>

COMPARISON OF EXPENDITURES FOR ALL APPROPRIATIONS
OTHER THAN THOSE FOR PERSONAL SERVICES, WITH ORIGINAL
BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1963-1964

<u>General Division</u>	Original Budget	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Contractual Services	\$ 89,370	\$ 85,505	\$ -	3,865
Allowance for Use of Employees Cars	10,425	10,216	-	209
Maintenance & Repair-Bldgs.	109,956	81,043	-	28,913
Maintenance & Repair- Structures	174,300	119,492	-	54,808
Reconstruction & Replacement	165,000	101,939	-	63,061
Materials & Supplies	303,535	297,072	-	6,463
Materials & Supplies-Resale	900	877	-	23
Foodstuffs	34,371	28,039	-	6,332
Equipment	65,995	56,580	-	9,415
Fixed Charges	<u>20,443</u>	<u>18,260</u>	-	2,183
Total General Division	\$ 974,295	\$ 799,023	-	-175,272

<u>Camp Mather</u>	Original Budget	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Contractual Services	\$ 14,914	\$ 14,660	\$ -	254
Materials & Supplies	7,620	6,772	-	848
Foodstuffs	35,800	35,929	129	
Equipment	300	276	-	24
Taxes - Real Estate	1,150	1,789	639	
Maintenance & Repairs-Bldgs.	16,270	15,138	-	1,132
Maintenance & Repairs- Structures	<u>1,510</u>	<u>400</u>	-	1,110
Total Camp Mather	\$ 77,564	\$ 74,964	\$ -	2,600

<u>Storyland</u>	Original Budget	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Heat, Light & Power	\$ 600	\$ 300	\$ -	300
Maintenance & Repair- Structures	6,500	444	-	6,056
Materials & Supplies	<u>1,600</u>	<u>114</u>	-	1,486
Total Storyland	\$ 8,700	\$ 858	\$ -	7,842

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